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RE: Amendment Request for NRC RAML#: 47-00404-02 (Docket No.030-03370, Control No.142760)

Dear Ms. Weidner:

Thank you for your review of our recent radioactive materials license amendment request to change our Radiation Safety Officer to Mr. James T. Norweck, MS, DABR. We have responded to your request for additional information in the order of your questions as follows.

a. Describe the control over the radiation safety program that will be delegated so that the consultant-RSO will be able to exercise authority over authorized users when confronted with radiation safety problems that require implementation of corrective actions.

Cabell Huntington Hospital (CHH) has granted control as stipulated in the Delegation of Authority memo and Agreement to Implement commitment signed by the consultant-RSO (James Norweck) and senior management (Mr. Washington). The consultant-RSO (James Norweck) has the full support of management in assisting the Radiation Safety Committee and carrying out the duties of the RSO as needed, to include oversight of authorized users.

b. Describe the relationship that will exist between the consultant-RSO and Cabell Huntington management regarding expenditure of funds to facilitate the objectives of your radiation safety program and related regulatory requirements.

All issues identified by the consultant-RSO (James Norweck) that require the expenditure of funds will be discussed with the relevant department representative. All expenditures deemed reasonable and necessary for maintaining a successful radiation safety program and regulatory compliance will be authorized by the relevant department representative and/or senior management as appropriate.

c. Identify other commitments of the consultant-RSO for other NRC or Agreement State licensed facilities, along with a description of how the consultant-RSO will allocate time to permit the performance of the duties of the RSO as described in the regulations. State the consultant-RSO's minimum amount of on-site time (hours per week).

The consultant-RSO (James Norweck) currently serves as RSO for St. Mary's Medical Center (also in Huntington, WV, located 3 miles away, NRC RAML#: 47-09576-01) and at Logan Regional Medical Center (in Logan, WV, located 1.5 hours away, NRC

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RAML#: 47-19919-01). On-site time per week at CHH varies but averages approximately 8-12 hours per week. More time is available as needed. Please note that the consultant-RSO lives within 12 miles of CHH and carries a cell phone at all times. Emergency contact information for the consultant-RSO is posted in the Nuclear Medicine HotLab and has been provided to key Nuclear Medicine, Radiology, and Administration personnel.

d. Appoint an in-house representative who will serve as the point of contact during the RSO's absence. This person may be allowed to assist the consultant RSO with limited authority.

The in-house primary point of contact will be Mr. Fred Peatross, CNMT, Nuclear Medicine Supervisor at Cabell Huntington Hospital, phone: 304-526-2129. We also have a secondary point of contact. C. Thomas Brannan, MS, DABR, the current RSO, phone 304-399-6534.

e. Describe the overall availability of the consultant-RSO to respond to questions or operational issues that arise during the conduct of your radiation safety program and related regulatory requirements. Specify the maximum amount of time it will take the RSO to arrive at the facility in the event of an emergency that requires his presence.

The consultant-RSO (James Norweck) is available by cell phone at all times. For emergencies that require the physical presence of the consultant-RSO (James Norweck), the normal on-site response time is 15 minutes. The worst-case maximum on-site emergency response time is approximately 1.5 hours.

We hope these responses meet with your approval. Please let us know if you have additional questions. Thank you for your consideration.

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