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Dear Mr. Pigula:

Enclosed is Amendment No. 26 to your NRC Material License No. 13-16680-01 in accordance with your request dated March 9, 2007. Please note that the changes made to your license are printed in **bold** font.

Please review the enclosed document carefully and be sure that you understand all conditions. If there are any errors or questions, please notify the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III office at (630) 829-9887 so that we can provide appropriate corrections and answers.

In accordance with our telephone conversation on March 18, 2009, your permanent facility was not approved at this time. You will need to file for an amendment prior to your move into the permanent facility.

Please be advised that we cannot authorize you to release your old nuclear medicine facility (flooded facility) for unrestricted use (even by other members of your staff) until we have received and reviewed a copy of the results of your close-out survey. The survey should consist of exposure rate measurements to show that all sources of radioactive material have been removed, and contamination checks of areas where radioactive materials were used or stored. Average radiation levels associated with surface contamination and removable contamination should not exceed those specified in the enclosed decontamination guide. Please submit the following information with your close-out survey:

A. A diagram of your old facility with survey and wipe test results keyed to specific locations.

B. The name of the person performing the survey.

C. The date the survey was performed.

D. The instrument(s) used for exposure rate measurements and for analysis of the wipes.

E. Background readings.

F. The date that the survey instrument was last calibrated.

You will be periodically inspected by NRC. Failure to conduct your program in accordance with NRC regulations, license conditions, and representations made in your license application and supplemental correspondence with NRC will result in enforcement action against you. This could include issuance of a notice of violation, or imposition of a civil penalty, or an order suspending, modifying or revoking your license as specified in the General Statement of Policy

and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions. Since serious consequences to employees and the public can result from failure to comply with NRC requirements, prompt and vigorous enforcement action will be taken when dealing with licensees who do not achieve the necessary meticulous attention to detail and the high standard of compliance which NRC expects of its licensees.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). The NRC=s document system is accessible from the NRC Web site at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Sincerely,

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