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Dear Dr. Sanchez:

Enclosed is Amendment No. 49 to your NRC Material License No. 13-17956-01 in accordance with your request. 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.

1. **In correspondence dated December 15, 2008, you indicated that you wished to release a portion of your nuclear medicine department for unrestricted use.**

**The NRC staff has reviewed your final status surveys. Based on its review, the staff has concluded that all licensable radioactive material has been removed from your former nuclear medicine department and residual radioactive material attributable to licensed activities does not exceed current NRC criteria. Based on these conclusions no further remediation or actions with respect to NRC regulated material is required for this area of use and it is suitable for unrestricted use.**

2. **This also refers to the telephone conversation between me and Patrick Byrne on March 27, 2009, concerning the lack of a possession limit in Subitem No. 8.C. of your license, authorizing the use of materials in 10 CFR 35.300.**

**Mr. Byrne directed me to authorize two curies of material in Subitem No. 8.C. Please contact me immediately at either (630) 829-9841 or (800) 522-3025, ext. 9841 if your understanding differs from mine.**

3. **At this time I added a new Condition No. 15, which effectively limits your possession of iodine-131 in 10 CFR 35.300 to quantities below the limits specified in 10 CFR 30.72 which require consideration of the need for an emergency plan for responding to a release of licensed material.**

**In your next amendment please specify a possession limit for iodine-131 in 10 CFR 35.300 that will enable us to then remove this Condition. Your possession limit must be less than ten curies, be realistic for your needs and include waste stream activities as well. Many licensees typically request one curie for this purpose.**

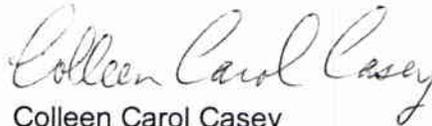
In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's

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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).

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.

Sincerely,



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Materials Licensing Branch

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