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Consistent with your request, I plan to pursue expanding the composition of the ACMUI membership to include a diagnostic radiologist position. In accordance with the ACMUI Bylaws, the Commission determines the size and composition of the ACMUI. Revisions to the ACMUI composition require Commission approval; therefore, NRC staff will prepare a Commission paper. We expect the paper to be submitted to the Commission this summer. If the Commission votes to increase the ACMUI's size by adding a position, the position would be posted and filled through open competition. We will keep you informed of the status, and we hope that Dr. Guiberteau can continue his support in the interim.

For further information or for questions, please contact Ms. Cindy Flannery of my staff at (301) 415-0223 or via e-mail at cindy.flannery@nrc.gov.

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