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**RE: Robert Wood Johnson Hospital
Environmental Assessment (EA)
Finding of No Significant Impact for License Amendment (FONSI)
Hamilton, New Jersey**

Dear Ms. Ullrich:

The Office of Permit Coordination and Environmental Review of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has completed its review of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Robert Wood Johnson Hospital license amendment in Hamilton, New Jersey. We offer the following comments for your consideration.

Staff of the Radiological Assessment and Decommissioning Section (RADS) of the BER performed a radiological review of the following US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) document for Robert Wood Johnson Hospital:

- Nuclear Regulatory Commission Docket No. 030-10491 Notice of availability of Environmental Assessment and finding of no significant impact for license amendment to byproduct materials license No. 29-16145-01, for unrestricted release of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton's Clinical Pharmacology Unit Located at #3 Hamilton Health Place, Hamilton, New Jersey

The BER agrees with the NRC's Finding of No Significant Impact for the proposed action to approve the licensee's amendment request to release the facility for unrestricted use.

The results of the fixed and removable contamination surveys indicate levels which comply with the Department's remediation criteria of 15 mrem/y (N.J.A.C. 7:28-12.8(a)).

Please contact Ed Truskowski at (609) 984-5542, if you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the EA and FONSI.

Sincerely,



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