

November 17, 2009

The Honorable Edward J. Markey
Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy
and Environment
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter of October 13, 2009, in which you expressed concerns about NRC's regulation involving the treatment of patients with radioisotopes. The NRC will continue to monitor events for trends and take strong action when notified of issues that may impact patient safety. In the enclosure to this letter, I have provided detailed responses to your questions.

The NRC staff is available to provide a briefing for you or your staff, if you desire. If this would be helpful, please contact Rebecca Schmidt, Director of Congressional Affairs, at 301-415-1776.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Gregory B. Jaczko

Enclosure:
Detailed Responses to Questions