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Dear Mr. Walker:

Enclosed is Amendment No. 43, to your NRC Material License No. 24-01090-03 in accordance with your request by letters from your Legal Counsel, Kutak Rock, LLP, dated August 28, 2009, September 29, 2009 and October 20, 2009. These letters notified us of the planned Change of Ownership of St. John's Regional Medical Center, including its NRC License No. 24-01090-03, to Mercy Health of Joplin, Inc., an affiliate of Sisters of Mercy Health System. Based on the information provided, including information needed for Transfer of Control, as described in Appendix G of NUREG - 1556 Volume 9, Revision 2, we have no objection to the planned Transfer of Control as described, which was consummated on November 1, 2009.

The documents provided stated that the legal business name of the successor is Mercy Health of Joplin, Inc., d/b/a St. John's Regional Medical Center. Item 1 of the NRC license has been amended to reflect this change and the tie down condition of the license, License Condition 15, has been amended to include the subject letters referenced above which describe this Change of Ownership. 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.

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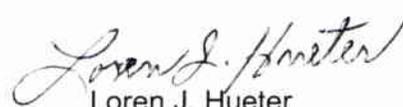
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Sincerely,



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