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LOCATION: HOT SHOTS NUCLEAR MEDICINE

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MESSAGE

*We can discuss these items during our visit on  
Jan. 13, 2010.*

*Thank you.*

*Colleen Carol Casey*

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**January 12, 2010**

**Transmitted on 01/12/08 for site visit on 01/12/10**

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NAME OF PERSON(S) CONTACTED

ORGANIZATION

TELEPHONE NO.

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SUBJECT

License No.: PENDING

Control No.: **318604**

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SUMMARY

We have reviewed your application dated October 20, 2009, and your faxed letter dated December 10, 2009, requesting a new byproduct materials license and find that we need additional information as follows:

1. **At this time, in order to complete processing of your new license, you should change the mailing address for Hot Shots Nuclear Medicine ("Hot Shots") to the Kalamazoo address, since the facility is built out and receiving mail, etc. now. Please provide a written response with the complete, correct mailing address, telephone numbers and fax number.**
2. **Please identify the owner(s) of Hot Shots and their relationship, if any, to senior management in the organization chart you provided.**
3. **It was not clear from your application whether you will be doing any work dispensing Positron Emission Tomography (PET) radiopharmaceuticals. Please clarify your expectations in this regard and, as appropriate, provide additional details to your application with respect to shielding of PET materials, safe handling procedures, radiation levels external to shielded transport containers "pigs," etc.**
4. **Your application requests authorization for "cobalt-57 sealed sources for redistribution for instrument calibration." You also requested authorization for "any byproduct material permitted by 10 CFR 35.65(a) for instrument calibration and redistribution for instrument calibration."**

**These are redundant requests. It appears that the only authorization you need is the second one, which includes cobalt-57 for the same purposes. Please**

reconsider and, as appropriate, withdraw your request for the cobalt-57 sealed sources authorization.

5. Please identify where the personnel hand and foot monitoring stations are located in your restricted areas, so that persons exiting these areas may survey themselves to ensure they are not contaminated before moving into unrestricted areas.
6. Please confirm that all proposed ANP's, including the RSO, should have "R.Ph." listed after their names, as their names appear on the referenced license.
7. Please reconsider your decision to make the after-hours radioactive package dropoff area an "unrestricted area." As this area is secured for your couriers only, it appears to be a "restricted area," per the definitions of these terms in 10 CFR 20.1003. Please confirm that this area will be changed to a restricted area. (Attachment 4, Item 9.2)
8. Attachment 4, Item 9 of your application describes the "Ante-area." Please explain what is meant by "component staging of personnel" entering the dispensing area of the pharmacy.
9. Attachment 5, Item 9 of your application describes two charcoal filters to be used in the I-131 fume hood and your procedure for analyzing these filters for saturation. However, your procedure does not state that this charcoal is "activated," i.e., chemically enhanced to increase its absorptive ability to trap volatile iodine-131, usually with TEDA, which is mentioned elsewhere in your application. Please confirm that you will use appropriately activated charcoal for these filters.
10. Your application did not describe what your safety procedures would be in the event of a xenon-133 spill inside the lab, such utilization of an "elephant trunk suction/exhaust" system. Please describe your safety procedures for such an event and, in doing so, you may also factor in the following: do you expect to dispense xenon-133 from multi-dose containers or do you only expect to dispense/redistribute unit dosages of xenon-133? Will the negative pressure in your fume hood be sufficient to capture and exhaust such a spill in a timely fashion?
11. Your application did not describe the frequency at which you would obtain bioassay tests for workers who dispense or may be exposed to volatile iodine-131. Please confirm that you will, at a minimum, perform baseline bioassays on all workers who dispense or may be exposed to volatile iodine-131 and describe and justify the frequency for bioassay tests thereafter, such as routine bioassays and those taken after a spill.
12. Please describe what these bioassay tests will consist of, such as thyroid assays or other types of assays. Please describe the equipment you will use to perform bioassay tests on workers who dispense or may be exposed to volatile iodine-131 and the procedures you will use, your analysis of results and your action levels.

13. Please describe all labels to be affixed to dispensed radioactive drugs, including the colors to be used – this last detail, the colors to be used, was missing from your application.
14. For each radioactive drug to be distributed (except for products intended for redistribution without manipulation and in the manufacturer's original shipping package), provide:
- the radionuclide and the maximum activity for each type of container (e.g., vial, syringe),
  - and the maximum radiation level to be expected at the surface of each "transport radiation shield" when the radioactive drug container is filled with the maximum activity.

This information was missing from your application and is requested in Item 8.10.12 in NUREG 1556, Vol. 13, Rev. 1.

15. To minimize exposures to persons handling and dispensing radioactive drugs, do you expect to utilize shielded pulley systems or similar devices, in addition to more traditional remote handling tools?

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 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).

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**ACTION REQUIRED**

Submit the requested information within 10 calendar days (by January 22, 2010) by referencing control number 318604 to facilitate proper handling. Upon receipt of your response we will resume our review. Address your written response to my attention at the above address. You may transmit your response to the fax no. above, 630-515-1078, and, if you do send a fax, please, at least leave a voicemail message for me, so I'll know to look for it. We will then continue our review.

If you cannot meet the requested response date please call me to arrange for an alternative date to respond. Please note that I will be on leave from Jan. 15 – 24, 2010.

**PLEASE DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE TO ME AT (630) 829-9841 or (800) 522-3025.**

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NAME OF PERSON DOCUMENTING CONVERSATION

Colleen Carol Casey

SIGNATURE



DATE

January 12, 2010

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*Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)* means an atmosphere-supplying respirator for which the breathing air source is designed to be carried by the user.

*Shallow-dose equivalent (H<sub>s</sub>)*, which applies to the external exposure of the skin of the whole body or the skin of an extremity, is taken as the dose equivalent at a tissue depth of 0.007 centimeter (7 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>).

*Site boundary* means that line beyond which the land or property is not owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the licensee.

*Source material* means—

(1) Uranium or thorium or any combination of uranium and thorium in any physical or chemical form; or

(2) Ores that contain, by weight, one-twentieth of 1 percent (0.05 percent), or more, of uranium, thorium, or any combination of uranium and thorium. Source material does not include special nuclear material.

*Special nuclear material* means—

(1) Plutonium, uranium-233, uranium enriched in the isotope 233 or in the isotope 235, and any other material that the Commission, pursuant to the provisions of section 51 of the Act, determines to be special nuclear material, but does not include source material; or

(2) Any material artificially enriched by any of the foregoing but does not include source material.

*Stochastic effects* means health effects that occur randomly and for which the probability of the effect occurring, rather than its severity, is assumed to be a linear function of dose without threshold. Hereditary effects and cancer incidence are examples of stochastic effects.

*Supplied-air respirator (SAR) or airline respirator* means an atmosphere-supplying respirator for which the source of breathing air is not designed to be carried by the user.

*Survey* means an evaluation of the radiological conditions and potential hazards incident to the production, use, transfer, release, disposal, or presence of radioactive material or other sources of radiation. When appropriate, such an evaluation includes a physical survey of the location of radioactive material and measurements or calcula-

tions of levels of radiation, or concentrations or quantities of radioactive material present.

*Tight-fitting facepiece* means a respiratory inlet covering that forms a complete seal with the face.

*Total Effective Dose Equivalent (TEDE)* means the sum of the effective dose equivalent (for external exposures) and the committed effective dose equivalent (for internal exposures).

*Unrestricted area* means an area, access to which is neither limited nor controlled by the licensee.

*Uranium fuel cycle* means the operations of milling of uranium ore, chemical conversion of uranium, isotopic enrichment of uranium, fabrication of uranium fuel, generation of electricity by a light-water-cooled nuclear power plant using uranium fuel, and reprocessing of spent uranium fuel to the extent that these activities directly support the production of electrical power for public use. Uranium fuel cycle does not include mining operations, operations at waste disposal sites, transportation of radioactive material in support of these operations, and the reuse of recovered non-uranium special nuclear and byproduct materials from the cycle.

*User seal check (fit check)* means an action conducted by the respirator user to determine if the respirator is properly seated to the face. Examples include negative pressure check, positive pressure check, irritant smoke check, or isoamyl acetate check.

*Very high radiation area* means an area, accessible to individuals, in which radiation levels from radiation sources external to the body could result in an individual receiving an absorbed dose in excess of 500 rads (5 grays) in 1 hour at 1 meter from a radiation source or 1 meter from any surface that the radiation penetrates.

NOTE: At very high doses received at high dose rates, units of absorbed dose (e.g., rads and grays) are appropriate, rather than units of dose equivalent (e.g., rems and sieverts).

*Waste* means those low-level radioactive wastes containing source, special nuclear, or byproduct material that are acceptable for disposal in a land disposal facility. For the purposes of this definition, low-level radioactive waste means radioactive waste not classified as high-level radioactive

waste, transuranic waste, nuclear fuel, or byproduct material defined in paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) of the definition of Byproduct set forth in this section.

*Week* means 7 consecutive days, including on Sunday.

*Weighting factor w<sub>T</sub>*, for tissue (T) is the proportion of stochastic effects resulting from radiation of that organ or tissue to the total risk of stochastic effects to the whole body is irradiated. For calculating the effective dose equivalent, the values of w<sub>T</sub>

ORGAN DOSE WEIGHTING FACTORS

Organ or tissue	Weighting factor (w <sub>T</sub> )
Gonads	0.20
Breast	0.12
Red bone marrow	0.12
Lung	0.12
Thyroid	0.05
Bone surfaces	0.01
Remainder	0.01
Whole Body	1.00

<sup>1</sup> 0.30 results from 0.06 for each of 5 organs (excluding the skin and the lens of the eye) at the highest doses.

<sup>2</sup> For the purpose of weighting the external dose (for adding it to the internal dose), the weighting factor, w<sub>T</sub>=1.0, has been specified. The weighting factors for external exposure will be appropriate on a case basis until such time as specific guidance is available.

*Whole body* means, for purposes of external exposure, head, trunk, and male gonads), arms above the elbows, and legs above the knees.

*Working level (WL)* is a unit of activity of short-lived radon daughters: radon-222: polonium-218, lead-214, and polonium-214; radon-220: polonium-216, lead-212, and polonium-212. It is the amount of air that will result in the emission of 1.3x10<sup>5</sup> MeV of alpha particle energy.

*Working level month (WLM)* is the amount of exposure to 1 working level for 170 hours (2,000 working hours per year=approximately 16.7 months per year=approximately 1.4 hours per month).

*Year* means the period of 12 months beginning in January used to determine compliance with the provisions of this part. The licensee may, at its option, starting date of the year used to determine compliance by the licensee. The licensee may provide that the change in year is to be made at the beginning of the year and that



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*negative pressure respirator* means a respirator in which the pressure inside the respiratory inlet covering exceeds the ambient air pressure outside the respirator.

*powered air-purifying respirator* means an air-purifying respirator that uses a blower to force the filtered air through air-purifying elements to the inlet covering.

*pressure demand respirator* means a respirator that admits breathing air to the facepiece when the positive pressure is reduced inside the facepiece by inspiration.

*public dose* means the dose received by a member of the public from exposure to radiation or to radioactive material released by a licensee, or to any source of radiation under the control of a licensee. Public dose does not include occupational dose or doses received from background radiation. It is the sum of any medical administration the individual has received, from exposure to radioactive material administered radioactively or released under § 35.75, or from voluntary participation in medical research programs.

*qualitative fit test (QLFT)* means a fit test to assess the adequacy of a respirator fit that relies on the individual's response to the test agent.

*Quality Factor (Q)* means the modifying factor (listed in tables 1004(b).1 and 1004(b).2 of § 20.1004) that is used to convert dose equivalent from absorbed dose.

*quantitative fit test (QNFT)* means an assessment of the adequacy of a respirator fit by numerically measuring the amount of leakage into the respirator.

*Quarter* means a period of time, equal to one-fourth of the year observed by the licensee (approximately 13 consecutive weeks), providing that the beginning of the first quarter in a year coincides with the starting date of the year and that no day is omitted or duplicated in consecutive quarters.

*Rad* (See § 20.1004).

*Radiation* (ionizing radiation) means alpha particles, beta particles, gamma rays, x-rays, neutrons, high-speed electrons, high-speed protons, and other particles capable of producing ions. Radiation, as used in this part, does not

include non-ionizing radiation, such as radio- or microwaves, or visible, infrared, or ultraviolet light.

*Radiation area* means an area, accessible to individuals, in which radiation levels could result in an individual receiving a dose equivalent in excess of 0.005 rem (0.05 mSv) in 1 hour at 30 centimeters from the radiation source or from any surface that the radiation penetrates.

*Reference man* means a hypothetical aggregation of human physical and physiological characteristics arrived at by international consensus. These characteristics may be used by researchers and public health workers to standardize results of experiments and to relate biological insult to a common base.

*Rem* (See § 20.1001).

*Residual radioactivity* means radioactivity in structures, materials, soils, groundwater, and other media at a site resulting from activities under the licensee's control. This includes radioactivity from all licensed and unlicensed sources used by the licensee, but excludes background radiation. It also includes radioactive materials remaining at the site as a result of routine or accidental releases of radioactive material at the site and previous burials at the site, even if those burials were made in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR part 20.

*Respiratory protective device* means an apparatus, such as a respirator, used to reduce the individual's intake of airborne radioactive materials.

*Restricted area* means an area, access to which is limited by the licensee for the purpose of protecting individuals against undue risks from exposure to radiation and radioactive materials. Restricted area does not include areas used as residential quarters, but separate rooms in a residential building may be set apart as a restricted area.

*Sanitary sewerage* means a system of public sewers for carrying off waste water and refuse, but excluding sewage treatment facilities, septic tanks, and leach fields owned or operated by the licensee.

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