

March 5, 2010

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 January 14, 2010, in which you expressed concerns about NRC's regulations for the treatment of patients with radioisotopes and the criteria under which these patients are released from hospital care. Detailed responses to the questions contained in your letter are provided in the enclosure.

Please be assured that the Commission shares your concern for public health and safety. We continue to believe that our regulations for release of patients who have been treated with radioisotopes adequately protect the public from any unacceptable risk.

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

Sincerely,

/RA/

Gregory B. Jaczko

Enclosure:
Detailed Responses to Questions