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SECRETARY

Michael Hagan, M.D., Ph. D.
National Director of the Radiation Oncology Program
Department of Veterans Affairs
1201 Broadrock Blvd.
Richmond, VA 23249

Dear Dr. Hagan:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is pleased that you will participate in a public Commission meeting on the proposed rule on Part 35 medical events definitions – permanent implant brachytherapy, Thursday, July 8, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Commissioners' Conference Room on the first floor of the NRC's Headquarters building at One White Flint North, Rockville, Maryland. The Commission is interested in hearing your views, representing the Department of Veterans Affairs, on the proposed rule on Part 35 medical events. I am enclosing a copy of the draft meeting agenda for your information (enclosure 1). My staff will keep you informed of any updates to the agenda.

To assist the Commission in preparing for the meeting, please e-mail any written material, including viewgraphs/slides, to Ms. Rochelle Baval and Ms. Sandy Joosten (rochelle.baval@nrc.gov and sandy.joosten@nrc.gov) in the Office of the Secretary, by June 30, 2010, so that it can be distributed to the Commission for review in advance of the meeting. Enclosed are guidelines for viewgraphs, if you choose to use them (enclosure 2). PowerPoint or other electronic presentation formats are acceptable. This Commission meeting will be webcast live at the Web address: www.nrc.gov. If you intend to use viewgraphs they will also be posted on the NRC website prior to the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Baval at 301-415-1651.

Your presentation at the Commission meeting should be based on the assumption that Commissioners are familiar with the content of your written material. Please plan your oral presentation for 7 minutes, discussing the important points on which you wish to focus the Commission's attention.

The NRC Headquarters building is located opposite the White Flint Metro Station on Rockville Pike and Marinelli Drive, Rockville, Maryland. The White Flint Metro Station is on the Red Line of the Washington area subway system. Reserved visitor parking for Commission guests is available. If you wish to use reserved parking, please notify Ms. Baval in advance. If reserved parking has been arranged, please check-in with the security staff at the entrance to the NRC campus on Marinelli Drive when you arrive. A Security Guard will call for an escort. Please note that visitors will be screened through metal detectors, will have their packages x-rayed, and will be required to present a picture identification card prior to signing in at the registration desk.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew L. Bates". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and a long, sweeping underline.

Andrew L. Bates
Acting Secretary of the Commission

Enclosures:

1. Draft Agenda
2. Briefing Visuals Guidance

Draft: 6/22/10

SCHEDULING NOTE

Title: **BRIEFING ON PROPOSED RULE ON PART 35 MEDICAL EVENTS DEFINITIONS – PERMANENT IMPLANT BRACHYTHERAPY (Public Meeting)**

Scheduled: **Thursday, July 8, 2010**
1:30 pm

Duration: Approx. 2 hours and 20 minutes

Location: Commissioners' Conference Room, 1st fl OWFN

Participants: **Presentation**

NRC Staff **15 mins.***

Bill Borchardt, Executive Director for Operations

Mark Thaggard, Deputy Director, Division of Intergovernmental Liaison and Rulemaking, FSME

James Luehman, Deputy Director, Division of Materials Safety and State Agreements, FSME

Also at the table- not making presentations, but to answer questions:

Ed Lohr, Division of Intergovernmental Liaison and Rulemaking, FSME

Ronald Zelac, Division of Materials Safety and State Agreements, FSME

Topics:

- Proposed Rule on Part 35 Medical Events Definitions – Permanent Implant Brachytherapy

Commission Q & A **25 mins.**

External Participants **45 mins.***

James Welsh, M.D., ACMUI member, Subcommittee Chair on **7 mins.***
Medical Event Reporting for Prostate Brachytherapy, Radiation Oncologist

Darice Bailey, Texas Department of State Health Services, **7 mins.***
Organization of Agreement States

Michael Hagan, M.D., Ph.D., National Director of the Radiation Oncology **7 mins.***
Program, Department of Veterans Affairs

Douglas Pfeiffer , Chair of the Governmental and Regulatory Affairs Committee, American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM)	7 mins.*
Brian Davis , M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Radiation Oncology, Mayo Medical School, American Brachytherapy Society	7 mins.*
Tom Kirk , President and CEO, UsTOO International	7 mins.*

Topics:

- Comments on Proposed Rule on Part 35 Medical Events Definitions –
Permanent Implant Brachytherapy

Commission Q & A **50 mins.**

Discussion – Wrap-up **5 mins.**

*For presentation only and does not include time for Commission Q & A's

Documents:

SECY-10-0062 dated 5/18/2010.

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