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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region III
Materials Licensing Branch
Attn: Bill Reichhold
2443 Warrenville Road
Lisle, IL 60532-4352

Dear Mr. Reichhold:

This letter is a follow-up to your request for additional information in regards to the amendment under control number 573752 for Carondelet Cardiology Services d/b/a Kansas City Cardiology (# 24-32245-01 3200 NE Ralph Powell Road; Lee's Summit, MO 64064) adding a new area of use and changing their name to just Carondelet Cardiology Services.

Attached is a letter from Dr. Sear stating that he does not see any adverse impact to his ability to function as the RSO by adding the additional site due to his continuous availability to his staff, the policies and procedures that are in place within the practice, and his exceptional staff that ensures all proper procedures are used.

At this time, we request that the original amendment sent in to add the new area of use and the name change from Carondelet Cardiology Services d/b/a Kansas City Cardiology to simply Carondelet Cardiology Services be granted.

If you have additional questions or require additional information, please contact me at 816-807-8090 or by fax at 816-974-1443.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marcia R. West", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Marcia R. West
Cardinal Health
Regional Health Physicist for Licensee # 24-32245-01

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To Whom it May Concern:

Over the last eight years I have taken my role as Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) for what was originally known as Kansas City Cardiology Associates (KCCA) very seriously.

The original locations for the nuclear cardiology practice were the office adjacent to Research Medical Center and the office in Lee's Summit, Missouri. The office adjacent to St. Mary's Medical Center in Blue Springs, Missouri was the final addition to KCCA. As RSO, I supervised those three offices.

In 2010, KCCA evolved into Carondolet Cardiology Services (CCS) utilizing the offices in Lees's Summit and Blue Springs. Late in the year CCS absorbed what was then known as the Kansas City Heart Group (KCHG). KCHG operates an outpatient nuclear lab in the office building adjacent to St. Joseph Medical Center in Kansas City. I will supervise the outpatient nuclear practice as RSO for CCS in three office locations: St. Mary's, Lee's Summit, and St. Joseph.

I feel quite confident I can successfully serve as RSO for this expanded practice because of several factors:

1. Availability: I am available to my staff 24 hours/day, 7 days/week. Even when out of town on vacation or for CME I am as far away as the telephone. Issues (for example, spills) are dealt with upon my immediate notification.
2. Policy: the technical staff I supervise strictly follow policies originated at KCCA and transferred to CCS. The policies are based on principles advocated by the NRC and ICANL. The policies are reviewed on a regular basis. Technical and exposure reports are reviewed by myself monthly as well as reports generated by Cardinal Health, Inc.
3. Personnel: the foundation of the success of the nuclear program at KCCA/CCS. Head technologist, Susan Houser is the cornerstone of the program and leads a dedicated, highly motivated technical staff. In addition, Marcia West, Regional Health Physicist for Cardinal Health audits the program on a regular basis. These audits are vital for issues of patient/staff safety as well as complete compliance with NRC guidelines.

I take great personal and professional pride in the nuclear cardiology program developed at KCCA and very much look forward to the challenges in the future with CCS.



James E. Sear, M.D.
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