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MEMORANDUM TO: NRC Materials License File No. 21-32512-01

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SUBJECT: ATTEMPT TO CONDUCT AN INSPECTION OF WASHINGTON
CENTER IMAGING SERVICES, LLC; DOCKET NO. 030-36576;
LICENSE NO. 21-32512-01

On December 1, 2009, Washington Center Imaging Services (also known as HealthFirst Imaging Center, the licensee) was issued an Order revoking their license within 30 days based on nonpayment of license fees. A Senior Health Physicist from Region III attempted to contact the licensee at that time; however, the licensee's telephone service had been disconnected. On January 6, 2010, the Final Action revoking U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) License No. 21-32512-01 was issued from the Headquarters Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO).

On August 23, 2010, the NRC inspectors (above) attempted to conduct an inspection at the licensee's facilities located in Utica and West Bloomfield, Michigan. The last inspection was performed in July 2005, and did not identify any violations of regulatory requirements. The inspectors first visited the Utica address, a two-story medical professional building. Although a HealthFirst Imaging Center sign was still present on the building directory, the inspectors discovered that the entrance to the licensee's suite was locked. The inspectors verified that there was no other entrance to the licensee's suite, and noted that the exterior windows were tinted so that the suite was not visible from outside the building. Interviews with personnel from nearby suites indicated that the licensee had unexpectedly moved-out on or around the first of the year. There was no building management or leasing office located in the building.

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The inspectors then visited the West Bloomfield address, also a two-story medical professional building. The licensee's suite was occupied by a new tenant named Imaging Center of West Bloomfield. The inspectors interviewed Mrs. Rachel Bush, the office manager, and discovered that the tenant was not affiliated with the licensee. Mrs. Bush was not familiar with any operations at the facility in Utica. She stated that the West Bloomfield office space had been purchased by a company called Cardiology & Vascular Associates: an NRC licensee (License No. 21-32177-01). Mrs. Bush also stated that the facility was not performing any nuclear medicine procedures, and that the hot lab was locked. The Cardiology & Vascular Associates Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) decommissioned the space in February 2010, and transferred the Radioactive Material (RAM) to their license. The inspectors verified that the hot lab was locked and secured from unauthorized access before leaving.

The inspectors contacted Joe Mueller, the RSO for Cardiology & Vascular Associates, who confirmed that he decommissioned the hot lab at the West Bloomfield location. Mr. Mueller stated that these activities included the proper disposal of any remaining radioactive material as well as close-out surveys. Mr. Mueller also verified that he is the only person with a key to access the hot lab. He stated that he intended to submit the results of decommissioning and close-out activities to the NRC.

During the week of September 6, 2010, the inspectors contacted Dr. Jain, RSO, who informed them that the licensee had financial issues and ceased activities in the Winter 2010. He had not been to the clinic since that time. He referred the inspectors to Mr. Josh Katke, one of the company managers. Mr. Katke confirmed that RAM (spent doses, a CO-57 flood source, and three reference sources) was still present at the Utica facility, but the landlord had locked him out of the space for nonpayment. Mr. Katke referred the inspectors to the landlord's attorney, Mr. Eric Adams. Mr. Adams again confirmed that RAM was present in the Utica space and he was working with Cardinal Health to transfer/dispose of the remaining materials. The inspector explained the process of license termination to Mr. Adams. On September 17, 2010, Mr. Adams confirmed that all materials had been transferred to Cardinal Health. During the week of September 27, 2010, the consulting physicist performed a "close out" survey. On September 29, 2010, the inspector provided instruction to Mr. Adams on filing the amendment request to terminate the license.

On September 17, 2010, the license status was changed by the Materials Licensing Branch from "active" to "revoked."

Based on the results of this inspection and in-office review, in combination with the Final Action revoking NRC License No. 21-32512-01, the inspection of Washington Center Imaging Services should be marked as completed.

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