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SUBJECT: CLOSEOUT OF OPEN ITEM FROM NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO.  
03001325/2009001, WASHINGTON HOSPITAL CENTER, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Ms. Monge:

In our letter dated March 10, 2010, we provided you the results of our inspection conducted on November 16-18, 2009, at your facilities located at the above address. In our letter, we stated that we continued to review an open item regarding preparation of written directives for Strontium-90 Novoste intravascular brachytherapy treatments. We have completed our review and have concluded that Washington Hospital Center was in compliance with 10 CFR 35.40 when preparing written directives, because the approach taken at your facility falls within the exception to the regulation. Specifically, the exception in 10 CFR 35.40(a)(1) allows the use of an oral directive by the authorized user, if because of the "emergent nature of the patient's condition," a delay in order to provide a written directive would jeopardize the patient's health. Our conclusions were discussed with Dr. Shashadhar Mohapatra, your Radiation Safety Officer, on November 22, 2010.

Current NRC regulations are included on the NRC's website at [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov); select **Nuclear Materials; Medical, Academic, and Industrial Uses of Nuclear Material**; then **Regulations, Guidance, and Communications**. The current NRC Enforcement Policy is included on the NRC's website at [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov); select **About NRC; How We Regulate; Enforcement**; then **Enforcement Policy**. You may also obtain these documents by contacting the Government Printing Office (GPO) toll-free at 1-866-512-1800. The GPO is open from 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays).

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Sincerely,

***Original signed by Marc Ferdas***

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