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Subject: Letter of Appreciation for Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes  
Selection Panel Service

Dear Ms. Evelyn:

On January 25, 2011, Ms. Andrea Furia-Helms of your staff assisted the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) through her voluntary service as a panel member to help recommend an individual for the patients' rights advocate position on the NRC's Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (ACMUI).

The ACMUI is a high visibility committee that provides an invaluable service to the NRC, the regulated medical community, and the general public. The ACMUI serves the NRC by providing advice on policy and technical issues that arise in regulating the medical use of radioactive material in diagnosis and therapy. The medical regulations for which the ACMUI advises the NRC directly impact safety of the public and quality of patient care; therefore, it is imperative that the NRC continually replenish the ACMUI with the most experienced and qualified committee members.

Ms. Furia-Helms was essential in assisting the Commission in this endeavor. She reviewed and provided input for each nominee and contributed to revising the rating criteria and interview questions. Her experience working with patient representatives for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration provided very helpful and insightful perspectives for selecting qualified nominees to interview for this NRC position. Her efforts have contributed to the NRC's safety mission, as well as to the ACMUI's advisory role.

On behalf of the agency, I extend my thanks for Ms. Furia-Helms' assistance. Her service to the agency in this capacity is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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