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Dear Drs. Bocchini and Machefsky:

This refers to the letter dated April 28, 2011, signed by Jerry Rumph, Network Executive Director for SSM Health Care, St. Louis, Missouri, for an amendment to your byproduct materials license nos. 24-02490-03 and 24-15159-01, respectively.

I took the unusual step of addressing this one letter to both of you, with a "cc" to Mr. Rumph, in order to ensure that this letter would be received promptly by all appropriate parties to minimize any further delays.

This letter requests a number of very significant changes to both licenses.

Although I understand how to amend both licenses in order to accomplish the requested changes, the letter dated April 28, 2011, did not incorporate the documents currently listed in the last, "tie-down" condition of the license for St. Joseph Health Center under license no. 24-15159-01, that pertain to the manual brachytherapy (under 10 CFR 35.400) and high dose rate remote afterloading brachytherapy ("HDR," under 10 CFR 35.600) programs that you wish to transfer from the St. Joseph Health Center license to the SSM DePaul Health Center license, under license no. 24-02490-03.

In other words, it is one thing to delete the requested authorizations and make the changes you want on the NRC Form 374 licenses directly, thus transferring certain programs administratively from one license to the other, but we cannot complete the program transfers unless you also include the specific documents that currently support the programs you wish to transfer under the St. Joseph Health Center license.

This is because we also have to transfer the "supporting" commitments, statements, representations, procedures, facility descriptions, facility diagrams, etc. from one license to the other.

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This information is critical to completing the transfer of these programs and it was missing from the April 28, 2011, letter.

The easiest way to accomplish this part of the transfer request may be to copy the documents or sections of documents that pertain to the requested authorized program transfers and attach them to your response to this letter as "additional information to control number 575091."

As I cannot complete the requested changes to these licenses at this time, I am voiding the requests for amendment. "Void" means that we are taking your request out of our active database until you reactivate the amendment process by submitting a written request.

This action is taken without prejudice to resubmission. If you resubmit your request, in order to facilitate proper handling in our office, please state that the resubmission is "additional information to Control Numbers 575091 (for St. Joseph Health Center) and 575092 (for SSM DePaul Health Center)" and address it to my attention. We will then resume our review.

In addition to the above information request, your letter dated April 28, 2011, directed us to transfer authorized users (AU's) Dr. John Bedwinek and Dr. Anna Fu to the SSM DePaul Health Center license and I understand that their authorizations for manual brachytherapy and HDR therapy must be deleted from the St. Joseph Health Center license. But your letter did not indicate whether Drs. Bedwinek and Fu should be deleted as AU's from the St. Joseph Health Center license or should they be retained with their remaining authorization for "the use of materials in 10 CFR 35.300 only." Please respond by clarifying your intentions in this matter.

Your April 28, 2011, letter also did not indicate whether your possession limit authorization for manual brachytherapy, under 10 CFR 35.400, should be increased on the SSM DePaul Health Center license to account for the additional 500 millicuries of activity being added from the St. Joseph Health Center license. Please respond by clarifying your intentions in this matter also.

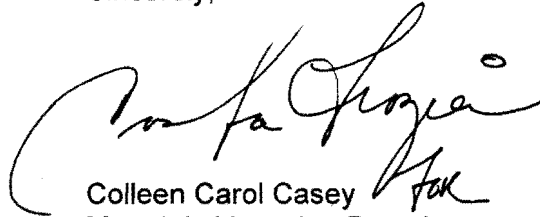
Please also be reminded of the provisions in 10 CFR 30.9(a), "Completeness and accuracy of information,"...(a) Information provided to the Commission by an applicant for a license or by a licensee or information required by statute or by the Commission's regulations, orders, or license conditions to be maintained by the applicant or the licensee shall be complete and accurate in all material respects."

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

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If you have any questions or require clarification on any of the information stated above, you may contact me at (630) 829-9841 or you may reach our administrative support staff at (630) 829-9887. My fax number is (630) 515-1078.

Sincerely,



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Materials Licensing Branch

License No. 24-02490-03
Docket No. 030-02308

License No. 24-15159-01
Docket No. 030-08664

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