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Dear Dr. Vierra:

Enclosed is Amendment No. 17 to your NRC Materials License No. 24-18678-01 in accordance with your request. Please note that the changes made to your license are printed in **bold font**.

As requested in letter received May 14, 2012, you have been named Radiation Safety Officer, replacing Dr. Frederick Smeltzer. As discussed with you by e-mail on June 19, 2012, you are reminded that licensee management needs to, if not already completed, document your appointment as RSO in writing as required by 10 CFR 35.24(b). Also, please note that, per current NRC policy, we have removed the xenon-133 exclusion listed in Item 6.B. of the license. This exclusion still holds however since it is listed in the application dated September 22, 2005. Similarly, we have removed the limitation for cardiac procedures only from Dr. Timothy McDermott's authorization in Condition 12.B. of the license. However, this limitation still holds as well since it is based on his credentials provided in facsimile dated December 7, 2005.

Please review the enclosed document carefully and be sure that you understand all conditions. If there are any errors or questions, please notify the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III office at (630) 829-9887 so that we can provide appropriate corrections and answers.

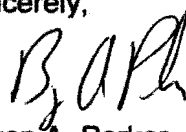
You will be periodically inspected by NRC. Failure to conduct your program in accordance with NRC regulations, license conditions, and representations made in your license application and supplemental correspondence with NRC will result in enforcement action against you. This could include issuance of a notice of violation, or imposition of a civil penalty, or an order suspending, modifying or revoking your license as specified in the General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions. Since serious consequences to employees and the public can result from failure to comply with NRC requirements, prompt and vigorous enforcement action will be taken when dealing with licensees who do not achieve the necessary meticulous attention to detail and the high standard of compliance which NRC expects of its licensees.

The NRC's Safety Culture Policy Statement became effective in June 2011. While a policy statement and not a regulation, it sets forth the agency's *expectations* for individuals and organizations to establish and maintain a positive safety culture. You can access the policy statement and supporting material that may benefit your organization on NRC's safety culture

Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/safety-culture.html>. We strongly encourage you to review this material and adapt it to your particular needs in order to develop and maintain a positive safety culture as you engage in NRC-regulated activities.

In accordance with 10 Code of Federal Regulations 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure 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>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. A. Parker". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Bryan A. Parker
Health Physicist
Materials Licensing Branch

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