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Subject: Acceptance Letter for Northwest Medical Isotopes, LLC Regarding Request for Exemption from the Requirements of 10 CFR 2.101(a)

Ms. Haass,

By letter dated August 9, 2013 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML13227A295), Northwest Medical Isotopes, LLC (NWMI) submitted a request for an exemption from certain requirements of Paragraph 2.101(a) of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations. If granted, this exemption would allow NWMI to submit its construction permit application in two parts. The purpose of this e-mail is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of this exemption request. The acceptance review was performed to determine if there is sufficient information in scope and depth to allow the NRC staff to complete its detailed review. The acceptance review is also intended to identify whether the application has any readily apparent information insufficiencies in its characterization of the regulatory requirements.

The NRC staff has reviewed NWMI's application and concluded that it does provide information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to complete its detailed review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed exemption in terms of regulatory requirements and the protection of public health and safety and the environment. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. If additional information is needed, you will be advised by separate correspondence.

At this time, the NRC staff believes that it can accommodate NWMI's request to issue a decision on requested exemption by October 10, 2013. NWMI will be notified should NRC staff require additional time to review this request.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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