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Dear Mr. Kar:

Enclosed is Amendment No. 78 to your NRC Material License No. 13-15882-01 in accordance with your request. Please note that the major changes made to your license are printed in **bold** font.

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.

Please 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."

This refers to your letter dated August 19, 2013, which requests authorization for Christopher Tien, Ph.D. as an Authorized Medical Physicist (AMP) for high dose rate remote afterloading brachytherapy (HDR).

We were unable to approve Dr. Tien at this time because the information provided in your letter dated August 19, 2013, was insufficient to complete our review.

If you wish to pursue this matter, please provide a complete, written response that is currently dated and signed by a senior management official for your license, addressed to my attention at the above address, as "additional information to control number 581622." We will then continue our review.

Dr. Tien's request to become an AMP for HDR must be supported by the description of his education, training and experience on his Forms NRC 313a (AMP), as attested to by a qualified authorized user/preceptor for the same modality. A key part of this supporting documentation consists of verification of his preceptor, Bruce Curran, M.S.

The enclosed document contains sensitive security-related information.
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His forms NRC 313a (AMP) were signed on June 20, 2013, by Mr. Curran, representing Rhode Island Hospital, license number 7D-051-01, which is an Agreement State licensee.

NRC does not have direct jurisdiction over this licensee. The state of Rhode Island does and it administers this license. NRC does not have access to this license, which is needed to assist in the verification of the preceptor, Mr. Curran and for Dr. Tien as AMP.

If this license is a broad scope medical license, then Mr. Curran's name may or may not appear on the license itself. The Radiation Safety Committee for broad scope medical licenses normally evaluates and approves/disapproves of authorized users, and AMP's, internally.

Please submit a complete, current, signed and un-redacted copy of the Rhode Island Hospital license that shows it is authorized for HDR use and either Mr. Curran's name on this license as an AMP for HDR or a signed, dated letter from the Chairperson of the licensee's Radiation Safety Committee attesting that Mr. Curran was an AMP during the timeframe when he supervised and preceptored Dr. Tien.

Please refer to the regulatory requirements in 10 CFR 35.13(b)(4)(i) and (ii); 10 CFR 35.14(a); and section 8.12, item 7 and Appendix D in NUREG 1556, Vol. 9, Rev. 2, for assistance in preparing your written response to demonstrate that Mr. Curran is qualified to serve as preceptor. Sections I and V. in Appendix D reference the information we are requesting.

Please do not submit resumes, CV's, or personal, proprietary information that we must protect, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390, such as social security numbers, dates of birth, home addresses or phone numbers, patient records, college transcripts, etc.

Please do not resubmit any documents you have already submitted.

If you have any questions concerning this amendment please contact me at either (630) 829-9841 or (800) 522-3025, ext. 9841. My fax number is 630-515-1078. My email address is colleen.casey@nrc.gov.

NRC's Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2005-31 provides criteria to identify security-related sensitive information and guidance for handling and marking of such documents. This ensures that potentially sensitive information is not made publicly available through ADAMS, the NRC's electronic document system.

Pursuant to NRC's RIS 2005-31 and in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390, the enclosed license document is exempt from public disclosure because its disclosure to unauthorized individuals could present a security vulnerability.

The RIS may be located on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/gen-comm/reg-issues/2005/ri200531.pdf> and the link for frequently asked questions regarding protection of security related sensitive information may be located at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/sensitive-info/faq.html>.

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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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colleen Carol Casey".

Colleen Carol Casey
Materials Licensing Branch

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