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Control No. 582203

Todd Hubler Executive Director Williamson Memorial Hospital 859 Alderson Street Williamson, WV 25661

SUBJECT: WILLIAMSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, ANTICIPATED TRANSFER OF

LICENSE, CONTROL NO. 582203

Dear Mr. Hubler:

This refers to the letter dated September 18, 2013 from Lauren Jacques of the Law Offices of Bradley, Arant, Boult, and Cummings. In the letter, Ms. Jacques described a proposed transaction between Community Health Systems, Inc. and Health Management Associates, Inc., of which Williamson Memorial Hospital is affiliated. Specifically, Ms. Jacques requested a determination regarding whether the proposed transaction necessitated an amendment to the NRC license held by Williamson Memorial Hospital. Based on a review of the guidance contained in Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Guidance About Changes of Control and About Bankruptcy Involving Byproduct, Source, or Special Nuclear Materials Licenses (NUREG-1556, Volume 15), it is our belief that the proposed transaction would be considered an indirect transfer of control and would require an amendment to the Williamson Memorial Hospital.

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.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Tara L. Weidner

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