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SUBJECT: METRO PONCE, INC., LICENSE RENEWAL, CONTROL NO. 582738

Dear Mr. Alvarado:

This letter refers to your request dated December 15, 2013, for renewal of your NRC license and to authorize Lyzlette López as the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) of your facility. Enclosed with this letter is the renewed license authorizing Lyzlette as RSO. Please note that we have authorized the possession and use of iodine-131 permitted by 10 CFR 35.300. We are unable to include all studies and procedures permitted by 10 CFR 35.300 because your renewal request did not include authorization for Dr. Citrón, who had the broader authorization for all studies and procedures permitted by 10 CFR 35.300.

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 I Office, Licensing Assistance Team, (610) 337-5239, so that we can provide appropriate corrections and answers.

The NRC expects licensees to conduct their programs with meticulous attention to detail and high standards of compliance. Because of the serious consequences to employees and the public that can result from failure to comply with NRC requirements, you must conduct your program according to NRC regulations, the conditions of your NRC license, and the representations made in your application. Please note that the last condition on your license indicates that "This license condition applies only to those procedures that are required to be submitted in accordance with the regulations." Therefore, any procedures submitted that were not required by regulation to be submitted, e.g., calibration of dose calibrators, will not be considered a part of your license and were not reviewed during the licensing process. These procedures will be reviewed during inspections, as necessary.

Please note that you must:

1. Operate in accordance with NRC regulations 10 CFR Part 19, "Notices, Instructions and Reports to Workers; Inspections," 10 CFR Part 20, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation," and other applicable regulations.

2. Notify the NRC in writing when:
  - a) an authorized user or Radiation Safety Officer permanently discontinues performance of duties under the license or has a name change;
  - b) the mailing address changes;
  - c) the name on the license changes; or
  - d) permitting an individual to function as a temporary Radiation Safety Officer in accordance with 10 CFR 35.24(c).
3. In accordance with 10 CFR 30.36(d), notify the NRC, promptly, in writing, and request termination of the license:
  - a) when you decide to terminate all activities involving materials authorized under the license; or
  - b) if you decide not to acquire or possess and use authorized material.
4. Request and obtain a license amendment before you:
  - a) permanently change Radiation Safety Officers;
  - b) receive byproduct material in excess of the amount, or radionuclide, or form different than authorized on the license;
  - c) add or change the areas of use, except as allowed by 10 CFR 35.13(e) and with the appropriate notification described in 10 CFR 35.14(b)(4);
  - d) change the name or ownership of your organization;
  - e) change the address of use identified on the license;
  - f) receive, prepare, or use byproduct material for a type of use that is not authorized on the license; or
  - g) permit anyone to work as an authorized user except as allowed by 10 CFR 35.13(b) and with the appropriate notification described in 10 CFR 35.14(a).
5. Submit a complete renewal application or termination request at least 30 days before the expiration date of your license. You will receive a reminder notice approximately 90 days before the expiration date. Possession of byproduct material after your license expires is a violation of NRC regulations.

You will be periodically inspected by the NRC. Failure to conduct your program safely and in accordance with NRC regulations, license conditions, and the 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, imposition of a civil penalty, or an order suspending, modifying or revoking your license.

An environmental assessment for this action is not required, since this action is categorically excluded under 10 CFR 51.22(c)(14).

Current NRC regulations and guidance are included on the NRC's website at [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov); select **Nuclear Materials; Med, Ind, & Academic Uses**; then **Licensee Toolkits, see our toolkit index page**. You may also obtain these documents by contacting the Government Printing Office (GPO) toll-free at 1-866-512-1800. The GPO is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays).

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.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

***Original signed by Lester Tripp***

Lester Tripp  
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Enclosure:  
Amendment No. 07

cc:  
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