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Dear Mr. Dillon:

By letters dated July 8, 2014 and July 24, 2014, The Heart Center of Lake County submitted to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) a Notification of Ownership Transfer of NRC Materials License 13-32260-01. Based on the information provided, we understand that The Methodist Hospitals Inc. purchased the assets of The Heart Center of Lake County. This transaction resulted in control of The Heart Center of Lake County being directly transferred to The Methodist Hospitals Inc. We further understand that this transfer will result in a name change, but there will be no changes in licensed materials, persons using the license material, location of use of licensed material, or persons responsible for the licensee's radiation safety program. Enclosed is Amendment No. 07 in accordance with your request. Please note that the changes made to your license are printed in **bold** font.

Based on the above understandings and as more fully detailed in the enclosed NRC staff's Safety Evaluation Report which documents the NRC staff's review of the request, the NRC consents to the direct transfer of control.

The transferee, The Methodist Hospitals Inc., under the name of Methodist Physician Group/Methodist Hospital should note their new responsibility and liability as an NRC licensee. Specifically, responsibility is emphasized with regard to any ongoing NRC inspection and enforcement issues, investigations, facility decontamination and decommissioning funding resources. Please be advised, change of ownership/control cannot be transferred without **prior** written consent from the NRC (10 CFR 30.34 (b)). A copy of this regulation may be found on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/cfr/part030/part030-0034.html>. Also, please see NUREG-1556, Volume 15, "Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses - Program-Specific Guidance About Changes of Control and About Bankruptcy Involving Byproduct, Source, or Special Nuclear Material Licenses". A copy of this guidance may be found on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1556/v15/>.

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 the 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 enclosures 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>.

Please contact me at 630-829-9842 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Materials Licensing Branch  
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

License No. 13-32260-01  
Docket No. 030-35414

Enclosures: 1. Amendment No. 07  
2. Safety Evaluation Report