

May 20, 2015

The Honorable Richard Blumenthal
United States Senator
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Hartford, CT 06103

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Mr. Gupta submitted applications for two separate licenses – one for possession and another for distribution of licensed radioactive material in the U.S. The possession license is to ensure the safe use, storage, and transport of radioactive material; the distribution license is to ensure the products containing radioactive material are safe for use by consumers who are not required to have a license under the NRC's regulations. Receipt of these licenses is required before an applicant can either possess or distribute the radioactive material.

NRC's Region I office is responsible for review and approval of the possession license. That license was issued on April 23, 2015.

NRC headquarters is responsible for review and approval of the distribution license. Additional information regarding the application is required for us to complete our review, therefore, we issued a request for additional information to the applicant on April 27, 2015.

The NRC was aware prior to receipt of the Plus, LLC license applications that the applicant had been possessing and distributing these products without the required licenses. Because Plus, LLC apparently was not in compliance with NRC regulations, the agency has needed additional time, over and above the normal application processing time, to examine and evaluate the situation.

I hope this information is useful to you. Please be assured that we are moving as promptly as possible under the circumstances to complete our review of this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me or Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776.

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