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Dear Dr. Waack:

By letter dated December 7, 2015, John Tolfree Health System d/b/a West Branch Regional Medical Center submitted to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) a Notification of Transfer of Control of NRC Materials License No. 21-18892-01. Based on the information provided, we understand that this is a direct change of control from John Tolfree Health System d/b/a West Branch Regional Medical Center to John Tolfree Hospital d/b/a West Branch Regional Medical Center. We further understand that as a result of this change of control, John Tolfree Health System d/b/a West Branch Regional Medical Center will cease to exist and the name will change to John Tolfree Hospital d/b/a West Branch Regional Medical Center as the licensee for NRC License No. 21-32378-01.

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 this request, the NRC consents to the direct transfer of control. Also enclosed is Amendment No. 34 showing the change made to the license.

The transferee, John Tolfree 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/>.

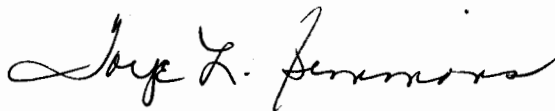
Since serious consequences to employees and the public can result from failure to comply with NRC requirements, prompt and vigorous enforcement action will be taken when dealing with licensees who do not achieve the necessary meticulous attention to detail and the high standard of compliance which the 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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License No. 21-18892-01
Docket No. 030-17321

Enclosures: 1. Safety Evaluation Report
2. Amendment No. 34