


**SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT  
PROPOSED CHANGE OF CONTROL FOR BYPRODUCT MATERIALS LICENSE  
NUMBER 21-18892-01, WEST BRANCH REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**

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**DOCKET NO.:** 030-17321  
**LICENSE NO.:** 21-18892-01  
**LICENSEE:** West Branch Regional Medical Center

**TECHNICAL REVIEWER:** Toye L. Simmons 

**SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS**

West Branch Regional Medical Center is authorized by NRC License 21-18892-01 to possess and use byproduct material for the purposes of human diagnostic studies as permitted by 10 CFR 35.100, 35.200 and 35.300. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff reviewed a request for consent to a direct license transfer submitted by John Tolfree Health System d/b/a West Branch Regional Medical Center. John Tolfree Hospital will assume all assets and liabilities of John Tolfree Health System. The direct transfer of control is described in Agency Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) accession number ML15343A142.

The request for consent was reviewed by NRC staff for a direct change in control of a 10 CFR Part 30 license using the guidance in NUREG 1556, Volume 15, "Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses - Guidance About Changes of Control and About Bankruptcy Involving Byproduct, Source, or Special Nuclear Materials Licenses," dated November 2000. The NRC staff finds that the information submitted by West Branch Regional Medical Center sufficiently describes and documents the transaction and commitments made by John Tolfree Hospital d/b/a West Branch Regional Medical Center and John Tolfree Health System d/b/a West Branch Regional Medical Center

As required by 10 CFR 30.34 and section 184 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), NRC staff has reviewed the application and finds that the proposed change in control is in accordance with the Act. The staff finds that, after the change of control West Branch Regional Medical Center will remain qualified to use byproduct material for the purpose requested, and will continue to have the equipment, facilities, and procedures needed to protect public health and safety, and promotes the security of licensed material.

**SAFETY AND SECURITY REVIEW**

According to data obtained from ADAMS and paper files, West Branch Regional Medical Center has been an NRC licensee since April 1980 first as Tolfree Memorial Hospital. The name was changed to West Branch Regional Medical Center in November 1998. The NRC conducted a main office inspection on June 13, 2014, and no violations were identified during this inspection. The commitments made by John Tolfree Hospital d/b/a West Branch Regional Medical Center and John Tolfree Health System d/b/a West Branch Regional Medical Center state that:

- A. the radiation safety officer listed in the NRC license will not change;
- B. the personnel involved in licensed activities will not change;
- C. the locations, facilities, and equipment authorized in the NRC license will not change;
- D. the radiation safety program authorized in the NRC license will not change; and
- E. the regulatory required surveillance records and decommissioning records will be kept.

West Branch Regional Medical Center has been affiliated with John Tolfree Hospital since it received its NRC license in 1980. The original hospital name was Tolfree Memorial Hospital. After rebranding the John Tolfree Health System provided oversight to West Branch Regional Medical Center. Therefore, for security purposes, John Tolfree Hospital d/b/a West Branch Regional Medical Center is considered a known entity following the guidance provided by the NRC's Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME) 'Checklist to provide a basis for confidence that radioactive materials will be used as specified on the license', September 3, 2008 revision. The purpose of this checklist is for the NRC to obtain reasonable assurance from new license applicants or NRC licensees transferring control of licensed activities that the licensed material will be used for its intended purpose and not for malevolent use.

West Branch Regional Medical Center is not required to have decommissioning financial assurance based on the types and amount of material authorized in License No. 21-18892-01.

## **REGULATORY FRAMEWORK**

West Branch Regional Medical Center's License No. 21-18892-01, was issued under 10 CFR Part 30, Rules of General Applicability to Domestic Licensing of Byproduct Material. The Commission is required by 10 CFR 30.34 to determine if the change of control is in accordance with the provisions of the Act and give its consent in writing.

10 CFR 30.34(b) states: "No license issued or granted pursuant to the regulations in this part and parts 31 through 36, and 39 nor any right under a license shall be transferred, assigned or in any manner disposed of, either voluntarily or involuntarily, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of any license to any person, unless the Commission shall, after securing full information, find that the transfer is in accordance with the provisions of the Act and shall give its consent in writing."

As previously indicated, the staff evaluation is based on guidance in NUREG-1556, Volume 15. As discussed in NUREG-1556, Volume 15, NRC is generally using the term "change of control" rather than the statutory term "transfer" to describe the variety of events that could require prior notification and written consent of the NRC. The central issue is whether the authority over the license has changed. West Branch Regional Medical Center's request for consent describes a direct change of control resulting from a planned assumption of all assets and liabilities of the John Tolfree Health System by John Tolfree Hospital. Following the completion of this purchase West Branch Regional Medical Center will directly function under the John Tolfree Hospital and, as such, the transfer requires NRC consent.

## **DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION**

The transaction is described in ADAMS accession number ML15343A142. After completion of the asset and liabilities transfer, West Branch Regional Medical Center will continue as the licensee named John Tolfree Hospital d/b/a West Branch Regional Medical Center and remain in control of all licensed activities under Materials License No. 21-18892-01. The NRC staff finds that the request for consent adequately provides a complete and clear description of the transaction, and is consistent with the guidance provided in Appendix F of NUREG-1556, Volume 15.

## **TRANSFeree'S COMMITMENT TO ABIDE BY THE TRANSFEROR'S COMMITMENTS**

The NRC staff finds that the information submitted by West Branch Regional Medical Center sufficiently describes and documents the commitments made by John Tolfree Hospital d/b/a West Branch Regional Medical Center, and is consistent with the guidance in NUREG-1556, Volume 15.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

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

## **CONCLUSION**

The staff has reviewed the request for consent submitted by both parties with regard to an direct change of control of byproduct materials license No. 21-18892-01 and approves the application pursuant to 10 CFR 30.34(b).

The submitted information sufficiently describes the transaction; documents the understanding of the license and commitments; demonstrates that personnel have the experience and training to properly implement and maintain the license and that they will maintain the existing records; And, in the future, will abide by all existing commitments to the license, consistent with the guidance in NUREG-1556, Volume 15.

Therefore, the staff concludes that the proposed change in control would not alter the previous findings, made under 10 CFR Part 30, that licensed operations will not be inimical to the common defense and security, or to the health and safety of the public.