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Sharon Updike, M.S.
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Dear Ms. Updike:

By letter dated December 10, 2015, Indiana University Health Starke Hospital, LLC d/b/a Indiana University Health Starke Hospital submitted to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) a Notification of Transfer of Control of NRC Materials License No. 13-15399-02. Based on the information provided, we understand that this is a direct change of control from Indiana University Health Starke Hospital, LLC d/b/a Indiana University Health Starke Hospital, an Indiana limited liability company to Knox Hospital Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company. We further understand that as a result of this change of control, Indiana University Health Starke Hospital will cease to exist and the name will change to Knox Hospital Company, LLC d/b/a Starke Hospital which will become the licensee for NRC License No. 13-15399-02.

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. Amendment No. 09 showing the changes made to the NRC license is also enclosed.

The transferee, Knox Hospital Company, LLC d/b/a Starke 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/>.

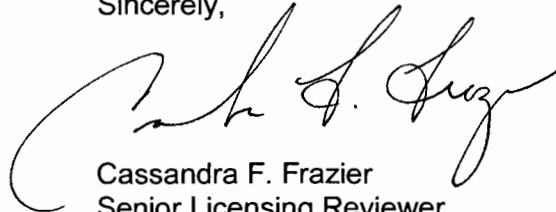
Since serious consequences to employees and the public can result from failure to comply with NRC requirements, prompt and vigorous enforcement action will be taken when dealing with licensees who do not achieve the necessary meticulous attention to detail and the high standard of compliance which the 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.

A copy of this letter and enclosed documents 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 630-829-9830 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

License No. 13-15399-02
Docket No. 030-35485

Enclosures: 1. Safety Evaluation Report
2. Amendment No. 09