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Dear Dr. Courtois:

This refers to your letter dated April 11, 2016, signed by Ann Abad, Vice President Operations, for your hospital. This also refers to the telephone discussion between your consultant, Mr. Richard Keys, and me on June 13, 2016.

In the letter above, you (the licensee) requested that we remove the authorization for materials in Subitem Nos. 6. through 9.C from Condition No. 10.C. on your license, i.e., the areas of use/rooms at Siteman Cancer Center, 150 Entrance Way, St. Peters, Missouri.

You asked for this change to your license because on January 22, 2016, these areas of use/rooms were torn down, without the apparent knowledge of the Radiation Safety Committee (RSC) and without the prior required amendment of your license to authorize the rooms' removal for unrestricted use.

We are concerned that your letter does not explain specifically how this error occurred and what measures are now in place to prevent such an incident from occurring at a licensed location and/or area of use again.

Please explain specifically how and when the decision was made, by whom and then subsequently carried out, to tear down the affected areas of use/rooms without the prior involvement of the Radiation Safety Committee (RSC) and without obtaining an appropriate amendment to your NRC license first.

Your letter does not indicate whether you, as the RSO, or senior management for the hospital knew about this decision and incident. Please explain whether you and/or senior management knew about this decision and incident and why this information failed to be revealed until an RSC meeting on March 9, 2016.

Please explain specifically which corrective measures, administrative actions and controls are now in place and who will exert oversight to provide high confidence that such an incident will not occur again under this license.

We will be unable to continue our review of your request until we receive an appropriate written response providing the information requested above.

Please submit a written, appropriately signed (by senior management and you) and currently dated response, within 15 days of the date of this letter (June 29, 2016), to my attention at the address shown above, as "additional information to control number 590711." If you need to make alternative response time arrangements, please contact me.

Please note that if we do not receive an appropriate, complete response we may have to void your request. "Void" refers to an internal administrative procedure in our office that takes your request out of our active casework database until such time as we receive an appropriate, complete and correctly signed written response.

Please also be reminded of the provisions in 10 CFR 30.9(a), "Completeness and accuracy of information,"..."(a) Information provided to the Commission by an applicant for a license or by a licensee or information required by statute or by the Commission's regulations, orders, or license conditions to be maintained by the applicant or the licensee shall be complete and accurate in all material respects."

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter 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 note that we are emailing a scanned PDF version of this letter to your designated point of contact, Mr. Richard Keys, and sending the original hard copy in regular mail to you, Dr. Courtois.

If you have any questions concerning this letter please contact me at either (630) 829-9841 or (800) 522-3025, ext. 9841. My fax number is 630-515-1078. My email address is colleen.casey@nrc.gov if you would like to make arrangements for a telephone call to discuss this.

Sincerely,



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Materials Licensing Branch

License No. 24-18968-01
Docket No. 030-17414
Control No. 590711

Cc: Richard A. Keys, M.A.