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From: James F Center <james.center@wmich.edu>
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2017 11:02 AM
To: Pelke, Patricia
Cc: Leandra H Burke
Subject: [External_Sender] Re: Application for new NRC License Western Michigan University

Ms. Pelke:

Thank you for the email. I left a voice mail response earlier, but thought it best to follow up with this email response. This is a new application, because the Western Michigan Homer Stryker, M.D. School of Medicine (WMed) is a separate entity. WMed is a non-profit, private medical school that was built from the ground up as a collaboration between Western Michigan University, Borgess Health, and Bronson Healthcare. Western Michigan University's president sits on the WMed Board of Directors and is currently serving as its Chairman of the Board. Borgess and Bronson also have representatives on the WMed Board of Directors as Treasurer and Secretary. Additional members from the three organizations, WMed itself, and members of the community round out the Board of Directors.

The need for the new WMed license and a near future amendment to WMU's current NRC license (21-03336-09) is the transfer of ownership of the Innovation Center located on the WMU Parkview Campus. Since, WMU no longer has a legal standing as to the operation of the site, it was imperative that WMed seek a NRC license of their own. This was further needed when researchers at their downtown Kalamazoo location requested permission to use licensed materials.

Since, I have a vested interest in the safe use of licensed materials, I was hired as an independent contractor to assist in the generation of the license application and establishment of the WMed Radiation Safety Program. I will fulfill the Radiation Safety Officer duties and responsibilities under the same contract until either a qualified replacement is hired or an employee internal to WMed is trained to the required standards to perform the same. For the short term, issuing the new license will not add or hinder my ability to carry out the RSO duties for both licenses. The objective is to have a replacement in place and approved prior to introducing licensed materials in the downtown location. However, if the need arises to use materials prior, I am fully prepared and capable of covering that lab also.

I was waiting for the receipt response and control number for the new application so that I could reference it in my amendment to WMU's current NRC license (21-03336-09). Thought was I did not want any period of time in which material use could be actually used or construed to have been used unlicensed.

I will call you back on Monday or Tuesday or earlier if you still have questions or concerns. Additionally, I have cc'd my point of contact with WMed, Ms. Leandra Burke, Regulatory Affairs Specialist.

Respectfully,
Jim

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From: Pelke, Patricia <Patricia.Pelke@nrc.gov>
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Mr. Center,

We received an application dated April 3, 2017 for a new NRC license for materials to be used at your Kalamazoo campus. From the information submitted, it's not clear to us why you submitted an application for a new license instead of amending your current NRC license (21-03336-09). Before we can proceed, please provide additional clarification regarding your basis/justification for another license at your Kalamazoo campus. If you prefer to discuss this matter, please contact me at 630-829-9868. Thanking you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter – Patty Pelke

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