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James M. Forde, M.D.  
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Dear Dr. Forde:

We have reviewed letter dated February 20, 2017, which requested to add 35.600 high dose rate remote afterloading devices to your license, and the additional information provided in letter April 26, 2017. Please note that at this time we are not able to authorize the addition of this program.

In your request, you included three doctor's you asked to add to the license as authorized users for 10 CFR 35.600 uses. Dr. Kapoor had previously been authorized to perform these procedures, however he did not meet the 10 CFR 35.59 recentness of training and experience requirements. If you wish to add Dr. Kapoor, you will need to provide additional documentation on his recentness of training and experience in using 35.600 materials.

For Drs. Quackenbush and Sarma, you provided an NRC Form 313A (AUS) for each doctor. However, the training certificates that were provided were out of date and we have no method for verifying the validity of the training certificates. If you wish to add Drs. Quackenbush and Sarma, please include a completed NRC Form 313A (AUS) for each doctor, using the training and experience pathway.

Finally, while reviewing the procedures provided, it did not appear that safety procedures, required by 10 CFR 35.610 and 35.615 contained all the commitments discussed in the regulations. If you chose to resubmit your application, please sure you have provided complete procedures, ensuring that the required commitments from the regulations are included.

For all future amendment requests, please note that we do not require the submission of manufacturer user manuals or procedures. These documents are not reviewed during the license amendment process and will only slow down the review process.

As discussed during the telephone conversation, we have voided your request. This action is without prejudice to resubmission. If you resubmit your request please state that the resubmission is additional information to Control Number 593067. Please review the guidance in NUREG 1556, Volume 9, Revision 2, "Consolidated Guidance about Material Licenses, Program Specific Guidance about Medical Use Licenses," and ensure that your application includes the information discussed in that document. Preparing your amendment requests carefully and in accordance with NRC's regulatory requirements and guidance, especially the documents in the NUREG 1556 series, as well as other information on our website at <http://www.nrc.gov>, will greatly help ensure that your correspondence is complete and accurate.


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If you have any questions or require clarification on any of the information stated above, please contact me at (630) 829-9868.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer L. Bishop". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jennifer L. Bishop  
Materials Licensing Branch

License No. 13-17073-01  
Docket No. 030-12150