

NOTE TO FILE

Licensee: Hospital Episcopal San Lucas Guayama
License No.: 52-30883-01
Docket No. 03036506
Control No. 600339

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF DESCRIPTION OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES
SUBMITTED BY HOSPITAL EPISCOPAL SAN LUCAS GUAYAMA

By letter dated September 8, 2017, the Hospital Episcopal San Lucas Guayama (the transferor) and the Hospital Menonita Guayama (the transferee) requested an expedited approval of the transfer of control described in letter dated July 28, 2017 (ML17219A090); prior to the close of the 30-day posting period required by 10 CFR 2.1301. The justification provided was reference to an economic crisis in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico making it very difficult for the hospital to continue operating under the high standards it had set to provide health care services in the community it serves.

The technical reviewer discussed the request for approval prior to the end of the 30-day period with the Acting Director of the Division of Nuclear Materials Safety (DNMS) and the Chief of the Medical Branch. The Acting Director decided that the extenuating circumstances described in letter dated September 8, 2017 do not demonstrate that it is in the interest of ensuring public health and safety as required by 10 CFR 2.1301; and, therefore, did not approve the transfer of control prior to the close of the 30-day posting period. The Chief of the Medical Branch concurred with this decision. Therefore, the consent to this transfer of control will not be granted by the NRC until the 30-day posting period has elapsed and the NRC has found that the transfer is in accordance with the Atomic Energy Act.

Date: September 12, 2017

Signature:

