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Dear Mr. Leidholdt:

Enclosed is Amendment No. 15 to your NRC Master Materials License No. 03-23853-01VA in accordance with your request dated March 16, 2017.

With this amendment, the National Health Physics Program (NHPP) has been authorized to permit the use of germanium-68/gallium-68 generators. Also, please note that Condition 18 was added to your license regarding the need to maintain the legally binding agreement between Veterans Affairs and the manufacturer. If changes need to be made to that agreement in the future, you will need to have those changes approved by the NRC.

Please review the enclosed document carefully and be sure that you understand all conditions. If there are any errors or questions, please notify the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III office at (630) 829-9887 so that we can provide appropriate corrections and answers.

You will be periodically inspected by NRC. Failure to conduct your program in accordance with NRC regulations, license conditions, and representations made in your license application and supplemental correspondence with NRC will result in enforcement action against you. This could include issuance of a notice of violation, or imposition of a civil penalty, or an order suspending, modifying or revoking your license as specified in the General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions. 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 NRC expects of its licensees.

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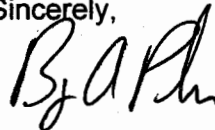
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Sincerely,



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