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Secretary of the Commission
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attention: Docketing and Service Branch

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you in support of the petition of Dr. George V. Taplin, Professor of Nuclear Medicine at the University of California at Los Angeles. This petition is Docket No. PRM-35-1, and is published in the Federal Registry. It requests the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to amend its recent regulation ("Human Uses of Byproduct Material"), 10 CFR Part 35, effective March 20, 1979. This new regulation requires that physicians must use an approved drug (radiopharmaceutical test agent such as Tc-DTPA), strictly in accord with the manufacturer's package insert. This new limitation is more restrictive than the current FDA Regulation which leaves the route of administration to the jurisdiction of the physician. The new NRC regulation would preclude the use of Tc-99m DTPA as an aerosol for inhalation lung imaging.

I agree with Dr. Taplin, and this letter is a note of concordance and support for his petition.

Thanking you,

Very sincerely,

John H. Lawrence, M.D.

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