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Secretary of the Commission
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Attention: Docketing and Service Branch

Dear Sir:



Reference is made to the FEDERAL REGISTER, Volume 44, Number 89, May 7, 1979, relating to the petition filed by Dr. George V. Taplin. I would like to endorse the petition filed by Dr. Taplin, which would permit greater latitude for physicians using diagnostic radiopharmaceuticals. This latitude would permit physicians to perform clinical procedures with these radiopharmaceuticals which are not specifically listed on the package insert. Dr. Taplin has given a specific example of a use for Technetium 99m DTPA as an aerosol for studying pulmonary ventilation. This is becoming a very well recognized and useful procedure for evaluation of pulmonary ventilation. It would be desirable to have the regulations permit exceptions such as this for the administration of low risk diagnostic radiopharmaceuticals.

Sincerely yours,

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