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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 would like to support the petition of Dr. George V. Taplin, noted in the Federal Register/Vol. 44, No. 89/Monday, May 7, 1979 (Docket No. PRN-35-1) concerning physician judgement in the use of byproduct material. I agree wholeheartedly with Dr. Taplin's petition concerning the specific example of technetium-99m DTPA.

More importantly, I feel that this new limitation is far more restrictive than current FDA regulations which leave the route of administration under the jurisdiction of the practicing physician. I feel that this new amendment to regulation 10 CFR Part 35 is in opposition to prior expressed objectives of both NRC and FDA and would hallmark an entry of the Regulatory Commissions into the individual practice of medicine.

For these reasons, I wholeheartedly support the petition as originated by Dr. Taplin.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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