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Secretary of the Commission
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attention: Docketing and Service Branch

Re: Licensing of Source Material; Deletion of Source Material
Medicinals From the General License for Small Quantities
of Source Material. 45 F.R. 14589 (March 6, 1980).

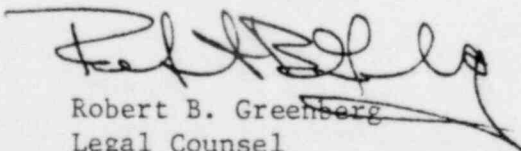
Dear Sir:

The American Society of Hospital Pharmacists (ASHP), the national professional society of pharmacists practicing in hospitals and other settings of organized health care, is pleased to submit its comments on the above-referenced proposal; membership in the Society exceeds 18,000.

ASHP supports the deletion of source material medicinals from the general license for small quantities of source material when these medicinals are carcinogenic and are no longer recognized as useful by the medical community; accordingly, and based upon review by ASHP's Special Interest Group on Radiopharmacy Practice, ASHP supports the instant proposal. We trust that if and when persons who receive, possess, use or transfer source material are permitted, by way of a specific license, to administer source material to human beings, either externally or internally, that such license will be granted upon a sound, rational basis.

The American Society of Hospital Pharmacists appreciates the opportunity to comment on this proposal. Please feel free to contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,


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Legal Counsel

Acknowledged by card. 5/7/80 mdw

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