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Secretary
Attention: Docketing and Service Branch
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Madam/Sir:

I am writing in support of the Proposed Rule entitled "Preparation, Transfer for Commercial Distribution, and Use of Byproduct Material for Medical Use," which appeared in the Federal Register, Vol. 58, No. 115, June 17, 1993, pp. 33396-33414.

I feel the proposed changes in 10 CFR Parts 30, 32 and 35 provide physician authorized users and authorized nuclear pharmacists the necessary latitude to practice their respective professions in a manner consistent with providing optimum patient care while still ensuring an appropriate level of patient and occupational radiation safety. As such, the proposed rule represents a significant improvement over previous regulations, and places the NRC more in line with its stated mission of regulating radiation safety with minimal intrusion into medical judgements and areas regulated by other federal, state or accrediting bodies.

Having been closely involved in this issue since the original petition for rulemaking change, I congratulate the NRC staff for its willingness to interact on a routine basis with involved individuals and professional groups in addressing the concerns and problems. I feel that these efforts have indeed resulted in both improved relationships and a worthwhile outcome.

Sincerely,

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