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February 4, 1994

In Reply Refer To:

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Reference: Our Materials License 16-08896-04

Dear Mr. Wright:

As a follow-up to our phone conversation on February 2, 1994, we find it necessary to relocate the private hospital room designated for I-131 therapy at this Medical Center from room A525 on floor 5 North to room A524 on floor 5 North.

Dr. Wei-Jen Shih, our RPO, has told me that our original application dated November 19, 1990, and subsequent letters did not designate a specific room in this Medical Center for housing a patient receiving I-131 therapy.

Therefore, it does not appear that we are required to file for a license amendment to change the location of the room for an I-131 therapy patient as planned above. Of course we will continue to abide with 10CFR Part 35, section 35.75 and all of Subpart F.

Kenneth Ain, M.D., our Endocrinologist, told me that the earliest scheduled patient who may possibly be treated with I-131 is scheduled to be seen here on February 22, 1994. If therapy is then ordered, we would like to perform it in room A524.

From our conversation, it appeared that a license amendment application was not necessary to carry out the above. If that assumption is incorrect, please let us know as soon as possible.

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Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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