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James O. Mason, M.D. Assistant Secretary of Health U.S. Public Health Service Hubert H. Humphrey Building 200 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Dr. Mason:

I am writing to request your assistance in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) efforts to expand the membership and enhance the effectiveness of our Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (ACMUI). We believe that a member of the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) with broad knowledge of national medical policy issues could make substantial contributions to our ACMUI as it develops recommendations on NRC regulatory policy and guidance. Therefore, we invite you to designate an employee of the USPHS to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee.

The ACMUI advises the NRC on policy and technical issues that arise in regulating the medical use of byproduct material (radioisotopes) for diagnosis and therapy. Responsibilities include providing guidance and comments on changes in NRC rules, regulations, and guides concerning medical use; evaluating certain non-routine uses of byproduct material for medical use; and providing technical assistance in licensing, inspection, and enforcement cases. The ACMUI will meet approximately twice a year in the Washington metropolitan area.

We recognize that the USPHS employee you may select might only present his or her individual views based on personal knowledge and experience and not necessarily the views of the USPHS. You may also wish to designate an alternate, who could vote in place of your designated representative. Because members of NRC Advisory Committees are subject to pre-appointment conflict of interest reviews, the designate and alternate you select will be considered members of the ACMUI for this purpose.

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I hope you will be able to assist us by designating an USPHS employee to serve on this important advisory committee. If you have any questions, please contact me or Richard E. Cunningham, Director of the Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety. Mr. Cunningham can be reached by telephone at (301) 492-3426.

Sincerely,

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Kenneth M. Carr