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Secretary of the Commission U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555 Attention: Docketing and Service Branch

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue. As a representative of the Immunoassay Laboratory at the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, I strongly recommend the continuation of the exemption in its current form. Our judicious use of low level radioactive isotopes, in the form of test kits for invitro-testing, is very carefully monitored. However, realizing the vast number of users of radioactive material and consequential results, I hope the development of new technologies for the verification to distant for a the most complete way to finalize radiation safety. The process that eliminates radioactive by-products more completely would seem preferable.

Thank you again for this opportunity to community. We look forward to commenting on any proposed regulations that are forthcoming.

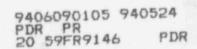
Sincerely,

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