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Mr. Jim Montgomery  
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RE: Exemption to purchase Previously Owned  
Strontium-90 Medical Units

Dear Mr. Montgomery:

A special situation exists here in Hawaii, in that our offices are located on multiple islands. We want to avoid the problem of repeatedly transporting one of the two Strontium-90 Medical Units we currently own.

At our last on site inspection, we learned there are 7 previously owned units which physicians have decided to discontinue using as a result of the burdensome regulations and high fees. Having no way to dispose of the nuclear material, they have given them up to, Mr. Scott Dube, our Local Nuclear Regulatory Safety Officer at the Queen's Medical Center.

We are interested in purchasing 2 previously owned Strontium-90 Medical Device Units, which are currently not in use.

We request an exemption from the mandate to purchase only new Strontium-90 Units from a manufacturer or distributor, since:

The cost of the new units is prohibitive.

It is beneficial to use a previously-manufactured radioactive source, rather than purchase a new one and add to the eventual problem of radioactive waste elimination.

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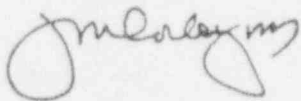
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We realize Queen's Medical Center is not a manufacturer or distributor.

We also request that the unit be calibrated by our Local Certified Medical Physicist. This avoids the transportation of the Unit outside Hawaii and back again.

We appreciate your assistance in this common sense approach to our unique situation.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John M. Corboy".

John M. Corboy, M.D.

XC: Mr. Scott Dube, Radiation Safety

JMC/ds