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Licensing Section
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Re: License No. 34-18868-01

To Whom It May Concern:

We are pleased to announce the merger between Otto C. Epp Memorial Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio and Midwest Health Systems, Inc. The merger agreement was signed on April 25, 1988. The inter-relationship retains the unique aspects of the health care delivery system at Epp Memorial, but takes advantage of the larger resources of Midwest Health Systems, Inc. (MHS), the nonprofit parent holding corporation of The Jewish Hospital of Cincinnati, Inc.

Specifically, Epp Memorial will retain its own separate and distinct Medical Staff and Board of Trustees relating to Jewish Hospital as an affiliate, under the corporate umbrella of MHS. Medical Staff and Management Departments will remain separate, working together in areas of mutual interest. Epp Memorial's Medical Staff has permanent, significant representation on its own Board of Trustees and there is permanent representation for Epp Memorial on the MHS Board of Trustees. Significant commitments have been made in terms of capital improvements, continuation of the osteopathic practice of medicine, and recruitment of osteopathic physicians, as well as a variety of financial support. Were Epp Memorial not to have negotiated these arrangements, it would not have been able to survive through the end of 1988.

In addition to the commitments noted above, the merger agreement contains the requirement that Epp Memorial pursue accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). Epp Memorial's current inpatient occupancy has fallen to 30 percent and it was thought that JCAHO accreditation would assist in increasing inpatient occupancy through the gradual solicitation of business from other physicians in the community. Insofar as the osteopathic physicians continue to support the majority of admissions, Epp Memorial will remain an osteopathic hospital, but will have dual accreditation.

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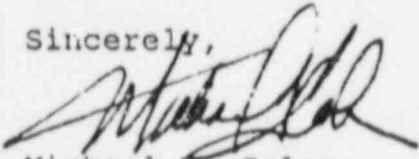
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The goal is to make Epp Memorial a fine community hospital where osteopathic and allopathic physicians practice.

Pursuant to provisions of 10 CRF 30.34(b), and Parts 31-35 and 39, we are specifically notifying the Commission of the transfer of control and ask that the Commission acknowledge the transfer in accordance with the provisions of the act and give its consent.

Should you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,



Michael T. Coler
President and Chief Executive Officer

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c: E. P. Searfoss, DO, Chairman
Radiation Safety Commission