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MEMORANDUM FOR: Eric S. Beckjord, Director  
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research

FROM: William G. McDonald, Director  
Office of Administration and Resources Management

SUBJECT: PETITION FOR RULEMAKING (PRM-35-7) FILED BY  
THERAGENICS CORPORATION

Enclosed for your review is a petition for rulemaking (PRM-35-7) filed with the Commission by Theragenics Corporation. We request that your office determine whether this petition qualifies for special handling by the staff as a fast-track petition for rulemaking as specified in 10 CFR 2.802(e) of the Commission's regulations. Enclosed is Section 11.7 of the NRC Regulations Handbook (NUREG/BR-0053) that contains information that will assist you in determining whether the petition is eligible for fast-track processing.

If your office determines that PRM-35-7 should not be handled as a fast-track petition, please provide your comments and concurrence on the enclosed draft Federal Register notice that announces receipt of and requests public comment on the petition. Please advise us of your response and let us know who on your staff has been assigned as task leader for action on the petition by January 5, 1989.

If you have any questions about this petition, please have a member of your staff contact Michael T. Lesar, Regulatory Publications Branch, FIPS (extension 27758).

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For William G. McDonald, Director  
Office of Administration and  
Resources Management

Enclosures:

1. PRM-35-7
2. Section 11.7 of the NRC  
Regulations Handbook
3. Draft Federal Register  
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