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Syncor International Corporation
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License No. 34-18309-01MD
EA 88-194
License No. 34-18484-01MD
EA 88-242

Gentlemen:

This is in response to your letter dated January 27, 1989 requesting rescission of the immediately effective Order Modifying Licenses (Order) issued to you (NRC License Nos. 34-18309-01MD and 34-18484-01MD) on October 12, 1988. The Order required (1) continued implementation of your commitments regarding the Blue Ash, Ohio facility documented in our Confirmatory Action Letter No. RIII-CAL-88-0026 issued September 2, 1988; (2) continued implementation of your commitments regarding the Columbus, Ohio facility documented in our Confirmatory Action Letter No. RIII-CAL-88-0027 issued September 9, 1988; and (3) submittal and implementation of a plan for assessing licensed activities at your Blue Ash and Columbus, Ohio facilities and at least 50% of other Syncor facilities.

With regard to Items (1) and (2) of the above list, you have incorporated quality control procedures into the licenses for Blue Ash and Columbus, Ohio and other Syncor facilities located in Region III. In addition, you have replaced the manager and required the new manager to audit the quality control program on a monthly basis at your Blue Ash facility. These changes and a summary of your recent audit findings at Blue Ash were submitted to us in your January 27 and February 7, 1989 letters. Based upon these changes and the fact that audit programs at the Blue Ash and Columbus facilities indicate that you are self-identifying and correcting problems, I hereby rescind Sections VII.A.1. and VII.A.2. of the Order.

With regard to Item (3) above, you carried out the approved Assessment Plan and presented your report to the NRC staff during a management meeting held in Region III on January 19, 1989. The Plan was dated January 8, 1989. Based upon this assessment and the submittal of its results to the NRC, we have concluded that you have satisfactorily completed other actions required by Section VII of the Order. Therefore, no further action is required by the Order.

Additionally, with regard to the assessment, we understand from a telephone conversation between Mr. J. Coffey of your staff and Mr. D. Wiedeman of the NRC staff on February 14, 1989, that Syncor has committed to implementing the procedures and corrections for followup of identified problems as specified in your Assessment Plan at all Syncor facilities. These procedures and actions are summarized in the "Threshold Action Levels" section on pages 21-22 of the Plan. This understanding was confirmed in a letter to the Region III office dated February 14, 1989. Further, it is our understanding, that you will submit to the NRC regional offices and the appropriate Agreement States for

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their consideration, amendment requests for incorporation of the commitments into your licenses.

If your understandings differ from our understandings, please contact Bruce S. Mallett (312/790-5612) of this office.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

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