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Sarah C. Hughes
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Dear Sarah C. Hughes:

Enclosed is Amendment No. 82 to your NRC Material License No. 13-16558-01 in accordance with your request.

In correspondence dated October 17, 2023, you indicated that you wished to release your former location of use at 200 E. 86th Place, Merrillville, Indiana for unrestricted use. The NRC staff has reviewed your final status surveys.

Based on its review, the staff has concluded that all licensable radioactive material has now been removed from your former location of use at 200 E. 86th Place, Merrillville, Indiana and residual radioactive material attributable to licensed activities does not exceed current NRC criteria.

Based on these conclusions no further remediation or actions with respect to NRC regulated material is required for your former location of use and it is suitable for unrestricted use.

If you have any questions or comments please contact me at either (800) 829-9500, ext. 9841 or (630) 829-9841. My fax number is (630) 515-1078. My email address is colleen.casey@nrc.gov. Reaching me by email is the most reliable and efficient way to contact me.

Please review the enclosed document carefully and be sure that you understand all conditions. If there are any errors or questions, please notify the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III office at (630) 829-9887 so that we can provide appropriate corrections and answers.

This amendment also approved you, Sarah C. Hughes, as the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO); approved Mark Johnson, M.S. and Xiaofei Song, Ph.D. as Authorized Medical Physicists (AMPs) for the use of the HDR device; and approved Kenneth Martin Richardson, M.S. as an AMP for the Gamma Stereotactic Radiosurgery device.

NRC's Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2005-31 provides criteria to identify security-related sensitive information and guidance for handling and marking of such documents. This ensures that potentially sensitive information is not made publicly available through ADAMS, the NRC's electronic document system.

The enclosed document contains sensitive security-related information.
When separated from this cover letter this letter is uncontrolled.

Pursuant to NRC's RIS 2005-31 and in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390, the enclosed license document is exempt from public disclosure because its disclosure to unauthorized individuals could present a security vulnerability.

The RIS may be located on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/gen-comm/reg-issues/2005/ri200531.pdf> and the link for frequently asked questions regarding protection of security related sensitive information may be located at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/sensitive-info/faq.html>.

A copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system "Agencywide Documents Access and Management System" (ADAMS).

The NRC's document system is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

You will be periodically inspected by NRC. Failure to conduct your program in accordance with NRC regulations, license conditions, and representations made in your license application and supplemental correspondence with NRC will result in enforcement action against you.

This could include issuance of a notice of violation, or imposition of a civil penalty, or an order suspending, modifying or revoking your license as specified in the General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions.

Since serious consequences to employees and the public can result from failure to comply with NRC requirements, prompt and vigorous enforcement action will be taken when dealing with licensees who do not achieve the necessary meticulous attention to detail and the high standard of compliance which NRC expects of its licensees.

The NRC's Safety Culture Policy Statement became effective in June 2011. While a policy statement and not a regulation, it sets forth the agency's *expectations* for individuals and organizations to establish and maintain a positive safety culture.

You can access the policy statement and supporting material that may benefit your organization on NRC's safety culture Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/safety-culture.html>.

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We strongly encourage you to review this material and adapt it to your particular needs in order to develop and maintain a positive safety culture as you engage in NRC-regulated activities.

Sincerely,

Colleen C.
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