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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT NO. 86 TO RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS LICENSE FOR
METHODIST HOSPITAL OF GARY, INC., U.S. NRC MATERIALS LICENSE
NO. 13-16558-01

Dear Ms. Hughes:

Enclosed is Amendment No. 86 to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Materials License No. 13-16558-01 in accordance with the letters dated June 17, 2024 and July 31, 2024, both signed by Wright Alcorn, Vice President of Operations, and your e-mail correspondence dated August 15, 2024 and letter dated August 20, 2024, in which you provided additional supporting information.

This amendment includes the following changes in accordance with the request:

- addition of Sudheer Paruchuri, M.D., as an Authorized User for uses described in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) §35.200 and §35.300 (limited to the oral administration of sodium iodide I-131);
- addition of Chetan Velagapudi, M.D., as an Authorized User for uses described in 10 CFR §35.100, §35.200 and §35.300 (limited to the oral administration of sodium iodide I-131);
- addition of Kaitlin Qualls, M.D., as an Authorized User for uses described in 10 CFR 35.300 and 35.600 (limited to iridium-192 in a high dose rate remote afterloading brachytherapy device);
- addition of Stephanie Lachowicz-Mahoney, M.S., as an Authorized Medical Physicist; and
- removal of Tambarahalli Nagaraja, M.D., as an Authorized User.

Note that the request to add Kaitlin Qualls, M.D., for radioactive materials described in 10 CFR §35.400, "Use of sources for manual brachytherapy," is withheld. This portion of the request may be resubmitted with an accompanying request to add authorization for manual brachytherapy sources, including applicable procedures, commitments and facility and equipment descriptions. With your resubmission, you may refer to Control Number 641453 to for correspondence previously submitted.

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. NRC Region III office at (630) 829-9887 so that appropriate corrections and answers may be provided.

An environmental assessment for this action is not required because this action is categorically excluded under [10 CFR §51.22\(c\)](#).

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Sincerely,

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