



December 14, 1999

US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC
20555, USA

Re: MDS Nordion Application for Revision of C-188 Sealed Source Registration

Dear Sir:

SteriGenics International strongly supports the request and submission by MDS Nordion to expedite the amendment of its C-188 Sealed Source Registration with the US Nuclear Regulatory commission.

As one of the world's largest contract sterilization companies, we require a reliable, ongoing and high quality supply of cobalt-60 to both maintain efficiency at our existing sites and to operationalize new irradiators immediately upon completion of construction and licensing. Our world markets require efficiency in product turnaround. In addition, the domestic requirement for sterile medical disposables is critical.

Recognizing the rapidly growing gamma sterilization market, we need to be able to be proactive and respond effectively. The expedient review of this registration will help to ensure that SteriGenics International is able to maintain a competitive position in the world sterilization market and meet the ongoing demand for sterile medical disposal products.

We appreciate your prompt review of the MDS Nordion application for revision to C-188 sealed source registration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David E. Meyer".

David E. Meyer
President, Medical Sterilization

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