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Dear Dr. Royal:

I am writing in response to your letter dated February 10, 2012, regarding the training and experience requirements for the medical use of Radium-223 chloride. I appreciate the American Board of Nuclear Medicine sharing their views and recommendation to license the therapeutic use of alpha emitters under Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations 35.300. NRC staff will consider this information when licensing new therapies.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Radioactive Materials

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Division of Materials Safety and

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