

July 7, 2010

Robert A. Petzel, M.D.
Under Secretary for Health
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Washington, D.C. 20420

Dear Dr. Petzel:

I appreciated the opportunity to meet with you and Dr. Michael Hagan on June 8, 2010. I think it is important to maintain an open dialogue between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Veterans Health Administration (VHA). To facilitate ongoing communications, our Region III office will be setting up a meeting with the VHA to discuss related matters, such as the VHA's master materials license and the use of an activity metric to define a medical event.

I look forward to continued productive interactions with the VHA in our mutual goal of ensuring the safe use of radioactive materials.

Sincerely,

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Gregory B. Jaczko