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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ADDITION OF INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGIST TO THE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MEDICAL USES OF ISOTOPES

Dear Dr. Tommaso:

I am replying to your letter to Chairman Meserve dated February 8, 2001, requesting addition of an interventional cardiologist to the Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (ACMUI). Thank you for your continued interest in ACMUI.

We believe that the existing composition of the ACMUI is adequate to meet NRC's needs at this time. However, NRC recognizes the value of early input from the regulated community and other stakeholders regarding emerging technologies, such as intravascular radiation therapy.

With this in mind, we devoted a significant portion of the last ACMUI meeting (in November 2000) to intravascular brachytherapy issues. Moreover, we would welcome the participation of an interventional cardiologist in any future meetings where matters related to interventional cardiology may be discussed, including the upcoming meeting on April 18, 2001. Please note that the meetings are transcribed, and all comments made during the meetings are considered by NRC, including comments from non-ACMUI members.

The Designated Federal Official for the ACMUI is Mr. John Hickey of my staff. Please contact him at (301) 415-7231 regarding the April 18 meeting, or if you have other questions.

Sincerely,
/RA/ Josephine M. Piccone for
Donald A. Cool, Director
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Medical Nuclear Safety
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