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Dear Mr. Schippers:

Enclosed is Amendment No. 72 renewing your NRC Material License No. 21-01078-01 in accordance with your request. Please note that the changes made to your license are printed in **bold** font. Your license has been renewed for a ten year term and will not expire until October 31, 2015.

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. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III office at (630) 829-9887 so that we can provide appropriate corrections and answers.

In the course of reviewing your renewal application dated April 28, 2005, it became apparent that some additional clarification was needed. Please respond to the following issues in writing within 30 days of the date of this letter to complete the renewal process for this license. Please address your response to my attention and reference control number 314413.

1. Please specify which licensed activities should be authorized to be performed at each location of use listed on your license in Condition No. 10. For each HDR device, please list the location of use and the room number where the device is stored and used. Please also specify whether there has been any change to each HDR room's shielding or any of the adjacent areas or rooms that would necessitate a re-evaluation of each room's shielding ability for the device's use.
2. Please resubmit your facility diagrams and note the address of use for each diagram.
3. Note that many updates and reformatting changes have occurred in your license with this renewal, including re-ordering of some Conditions and Subitems. In particular, I noted that current Condition No. 13 was not requested to be either deleted or retained in the renewal. Please advise me as to whether this Condition should now be deleted and be reminded that "10 CFR 35.400(g)" no longer exists. If you wish to retain this Condition, please contact me at 630-829-9841 to discuss the supporting information that may be required.
4. Please be reminded that, contrary to the statement made in section 8.18 Item 9 of your application, there is no regulation is "10 CFR 35.62."
5. For your manual brachytherapy facilities, please provide a description of your emergency

response equipment.

6. For each of your HDR devices, please describe the steps that will be taken to ensure that no two units can be operated simultaneously, if other radiation-producing equipment is in the treatment room.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). The NRC's document system is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. The enclosed license document is exempt from public disclosure in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390, because its disclosure to unauthorized individuals could present a security vulnerability.

You will be periodically inspected by NRC. Failure to conduct your program in accordance with NRC regulations, license conditions, and representations made in your license application and supplemental correspondence with NRC will result in enforcement action against you. This could include issuance of a notice of violation, or imposition of a civil penalty, or an order suspending, modifying or revoking your license as specified in the General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions. Since serious consequences to employees and the public can result from failure to comply with NRC requirements, prompt and vigorous enforcement action will be taken when dealing with licensees who do not achieve the necessary meticulous attention to detail and the high standard of compliance which NRC expects of its licensees.

Sincerely,



Colleen Carol Casey
Materials Licensing Branch

License No. 21-01078-01
Docket No. 030-08291

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