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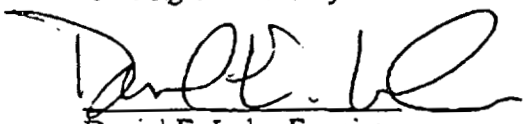
RE: NRC License Transfer: Control #137810

Dear Mr. McKinley:

Please allow this letter to confirm that effective December 1, 2005, ownership and operations of Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre will transfer to Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre, a newly formed Pennsylvania not-for-profit corporation and affiliate within the Geisinger Health System. As part of this change of ownership, the parties have agreed to cooperate in transferring the current NRC license from Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre to Geisinger Health System.

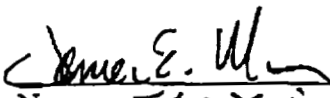
I trust this dually executed letter provides the necessary assurances as to the appropriateness of the license transfer, in order for you to continue processing the amendment request in time for the December 1, 2005 change in ownership. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information or documentation in this regard.

Respectfully,  
Geisinger Health System

  
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Respectfully,  
Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre

  
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