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Ms. Annette Vietti-Cook
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US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

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Re: Petition for Rulemaking Docket #PRM-35-18 (Patient Release Criteria)

Dear Ms. Vietti-Cook:

I suggest that the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission develop wording for a middle ground, between the current rule's wording and the petition's proposal for inpatient I-131 for everyone receiving 30 millicuries or more of I-131.

I am a thyroid cancer patient, writing to you as an individual. I receive care from a thyroid cancer specialist physician in Washington, DC.

Receiving 100 millicuries of I-131 came as the 15th step in a stressful and time-consuming 4-month series of doctors' appointments, tests, informed consent, surgery, and learning that I had a cancer requiring further treatment and lifelong monitoring.

Being an inpatient was a relief, because it gave ready access to professional staff for handling potential side effects.

Also, it avoided exposing others on mass transit and then at home, during the time that my I-131 level was highest.

Currently, insurance companies and hospitals seem to set blanket policies that force outpatient I-131 without specific inpatient/outpatient criteria such as those, for example, developed at the thyroid cancer treatment center that manages my care.

Middle-ground wording by the NRC could solve this problem, by specifying in greater detail the criteria to meet to safeguard patient, family, and public safety and well-being for I-131 doses of 30 millicuries or higher.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,
Charlotte Wunderlich

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Attached for docketing is a comment letter on the above noted PRM from Charlotte Wunderlich that I received via the rulemaking website on 3/6/06.

Carol

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