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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CONSENT TO DIRECT LICENSE TRANSFER AND
AMENDMENT

Dear Dr. Marchand:

By the letters dated August 20, 2013, October 8, 2013, and November 4, 2013, Northwest Indiana Cardiovascular Physicians, P.C. submitted to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) a Request for Consent to Direct License Transfer of NRC Materials License No. 13-26691-01. Based on the information provided, we understand that Northwest Indiana Cardiovascular Physicians, P.C. was acquired by Porter Physician Services, LLC on October 1, 2013. This transaction resulted in control of Northwest Indiana Cardiovascular Physicians, P.C. being directly transferred to Porter Physician Services, LLC. We further understand that this transfer did not result in any change to the licensed materials, the use of licensed materials, persons using the license material, location of use of licensed material, or persons responsible for the licensee's radiation safety program. This change however did result in a change in the name of the licensee from "Northwest Indiana Cardiovascular Physicians, P.C." to "Porter Physician Services, LLC, d/b/a Porter Physician Group, Northwest Indiana Cardiovascular Physicians." Enclosed is Amendment No. 13 in accordance with your request. Please note that the changes made to your license are printed in **bold font**.

Based on the above understandings and as more fully detailed in the enclosed NRC staff's Safety Evaluation Report which documents the NRC staff's review of the request, the NRC consents to the direct transfer of control.

The transferee Porter Physician Services, LLC should note their new responsibility and liability as an NRC licensee. Specifically, responsibility is emphasized with regard to any ongoing NRC inspection and enforcement issues, investigations, facility decontamination and decommissioning funding resources. Please be advised, change of ownership/control cannot be transferred without **prior** written consent from the NRC (Title 10, *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR), 30.34(b)). A copy of this regulation may be found on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/cfr/part030/part030-0034.html>. Also, please see NUREG-1556, Volume 15, "Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses - Program-Specific Guidance About Changes of Control and About Bankruptcy Involving Byproduct, Source, or Special Nuclear Material Licenses". A copy of this guidance may be found on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1556/v15/>.

H. Marchand

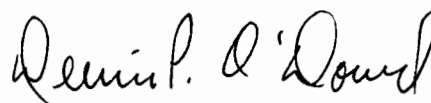
Since serious consequences to employees and the public can result from failure to comply with NRC requirements, prompt and vigorous enforcement action will be taken when dealing with licensees who do not achieve the necessary meticulous attention to detail and the high standard of compliance which the NRC expects of its licensees.

The NRC published in the *Federal Register* (76 FR 34773; June 14, 2011), its policy statement on safety culture. This policy statement sets forth agency expectations that individuals and organizations involved in NRC-regulated activities establish and maintain a positive safety culture proportionate to the safety and security significance of their activities and the nature and complexity of their organizations. Additionally, the NRC has developed a brochure (NUREG/BR-0500, "Safety Culture Policy Statement," issued June 2011) and a Regulatory Issue Summary 2012-01 dated January 17, 2012 (ML112940226) that are intended to aid stakeholders in understanding the safety culture traits. The policy statement, including relevant background documents, *Federal Register* notices, meeting notices, and presentations made at public meetings, can be accessed on the NRC's safety culture Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/safety-culture.html>. The Web site also includes the safety culture brochure and tools (e.g., case studies) that support the policy statement.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and enclosures will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Please contact me at 630-829-9573 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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License No. 13-26691-01
Docket No. 030-34025

Enclosures:
Amendment No. 13
Safety Evaluation Report