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Washington, DC 20555-0001

RE: Request for Comments on NRC Request for Information Concerning Patient Release Practices.

The Organization of Agreement States (OAS) Executive Board (Board) has reviewed the above document and respectfully submits the following responses to the questions posed by the NRC.

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

The Board believes that the collection of information on patient release is a valuable effort that does have practical utility. Collection of this information will allow the NRC and the Agreement States to further assess current requirements for patient release.

2. Is the estimate of the burden of the information collection accurate?

The Board does not have information regarding this question.

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

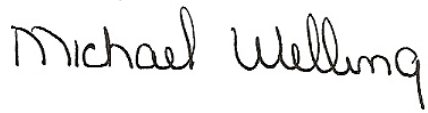
The best way to enhance the quality and utility of the information collected would be to gather information from patients who have undergone I-131 treatment. Additionally, information could be gathered from Agreement States on how often I-131 is being found at landfills to determine the effectiveness of patient release instructions.

4. How can the burden of the information collection on respondents be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

The Board believes that use of an online system to gather information would be most effective.

We appreciate the chance to comment on this subject, and stand ready to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Welling". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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