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**U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Meeting Summary
Predecisional Enforcement Conference for Methodist Hospital of Gary, Inc.**

Name of Licensee: Methodist Hospital of Gary, Inc.

Name of Facility: Methodist Hospital of Gary, Inc., Merrillville, Indiana

Docket No: 030-11234

License No.: 13-16558-01

Date: May 5, 2016

Location: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region III
2443 Warrenville Road, Suite 210
Lisle, IL 60532-4352

Type of Meeting: This was a Category 1 meeting. This conference was CLOSED to public observation because it involved safeguards information, Privacy Act information, or information that could be considered sensitive or proprietary.

Purpose of the Meeting: Predecisional Enforcement Conference (PEC) to discuss an apparent violation identified during inspection of the licensee's facility in Merrillville, Indiana, conducted on October 13-14, 2015, with continued in-office review through March 10, 2016. This conference was held to obtain information to assist the NRC in making an enforcement decision. The conference provided an opportunity for the licensee to provide their perspective on the facts and findings, and any other information that they believed the NRC should take into consideration in making an enforcement decision.

General Details: The meeting was attended by 18 individuals, including 16 NRC staff members and 2 licensee representatives. Of the 18 attendees, 6 attended remotely through teleconference. The list of attendees is provided as Attachment 1 to this meeting summary. Because the meeting was closed to public observation, the meeting was transcribed. The transcription is provided as Attachment 2 to this meeting summary. Attachment 2 contains sensitive, security-related information and is not publicly available.

Attachments 2 and 3 Contain Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information. When separated from Attachments 2 and 3, the Summary and Attachment 1, are decontrolled.
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The licensee then led a presentation in which they described the corrective actions taken upon identification of the violation and provided their position regarding the severity of the violation. The information provided by the licensee is included as Attachment 3 to this meeting summary. Attachment 3 contains sensitive, security-related information and is not publicly available.

Following the presentation, the licensee representatives were temporarily excused and a brief caucus was held to determine additional questions to be asked in an effort to obtain additional clarifying information. The licensee representatives then returned to the meeting and answered the questions asked by the NRC participants.

Prior to the conclusion of the conference, Mr. Skokowski presented an overview of the process that will be followed to notify the licensee of the results of the NRC's deliberations. Mr. Roberts then concluded the conference by thanking the licensee for coming to the Regional Office and for providing the information that was discussed.

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Aaron T. McCraw, Chief
Materials Inspection Branch
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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Attachments:

1. Meeting Attendees
2. Meeting Transcript (non-public)
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MEETING ATTENDEES

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Ms. Christine Lipa, Deputy Director, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety
Mr. Richard Skokowski, Enforcement/Investigations Officer
Mr. Jared Heck, Regional Counsel
Mr. Aaron T. McCraw, Chief, Material Inspection Branch
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Ms. Deborah A. Piskura, Sr. Health Physicist (Inspector)
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