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SUBJECT: NEXT POTENTIAL REVISION TO PART 71 COULD INCLUDE CLARIFICATION  
OF § 71.106 FOR CHANGES TO QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAMS

Dear Dr. Dimeo:

This letter is to inform you that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering a potential amendment to its regulations that would revise the regulations on packaging and transporting radioactive material. As part of this rulemaking, the NRC is considering changes to Part 71 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), "Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material," which includes clarification to § 71.106, "Changes to quality assurance program."

To facilitate discussion and public comments, the NRC has prepared an issues paper that describes potential rulemaking issues for the next revision to 10 CFR Part 71. The NRC is requesting public comment on the issues paper which will be available on November 21, 2016 and will be posted at <http://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=NRC-2016-0179> (refer to Docket ID NRC-2016-0179).

Additionally, the NRC will conduct a public meeting to describe the issues paper and answer clarifying questions from the public about the potential changes in the packaging and transportation of radioactive material requirements. The meeting will be held on December 5-6, 2016, at Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738, between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM in room T02B03. Individuals should monitor the NRC's public meeting web page for information about the public meeting at: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/index.cfm>.

If you have any questions, please contact Emma Wong at 301-415-7091.

Sincerely,  
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