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Dr. Richard S. Longley, M.D.
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SUBJECT: NRC OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS REPORT NO. 3-2018-010

Dear Dr. Longley:

This refers to an investigation conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Office of Investigations (OI) to determine whether you, as the Radiation Safety Officer at the Thyroid and Diabetes Management Center, willfully violated a number of regulatory requirements by neither keeping a medical physics consultant nor performing the work to maintain compliance with NRC requirements. Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, we did not substantiate the allegation. The synopsis from the OI Report of Investigation is enclosed.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact an NRC Region III Office Allegation Coordinator by calling (800) 522-3025. The NRC Region III Office Allegation Coordinators are Jim Heller, Paul Pelke, and Sarah Bakhsh.

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Sincerely,

/RA/

Aaron T. McCraw, Chief
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Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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Enclosure:
OI Synopsis

Letter to R. Longley from A. McCraw; dated July 12, 2019

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated on September 18, 2018, by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations, Region III, to determine whether a radiation safety officer (RSO) at the Thyroid and Diabetes Management Center in Merrillville, Indiana, willfully violated a number of regulatory requirements by neither keeping a medical physics consultant nor performing the work to maintain compliance with NRC requirements.

Based on the evidence developed, the allegation that an RSO willfully violated a number of regulatory requirements by neither keeping a medical physics consultant nor performing the work to maintain compliance with NRC requirements is not substantiated.