



Beth Israel HealthCare

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Mr. Thomas Thompson
Nuclear Materials Safety Branch - Medical
Region One
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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RE: Merger of Beth Israel Hospital (NRC License #20-00742-18) and
New England Deaconess Hospital Corp. (NRC License #20-00289-07 and
#20-00289-10)

Dear Mr. Thompson:

We are jointly submitting the following information concerning the proposed merger of New England Deaconess Hospital Corp. ("Deaconess") into the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Inc. ("BIDMC") simultaneously with the merger. Each of Deaconess and Beth Israel are referred to herein as a "Hospital" and collectively as the "Hospitals." We hereby request your review of the proposed merger and seek approval from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the "NRC") for any appropriate change in the licenses issued by the NRC to the Hospitals.

Proposed Merger

The Hospitals have entered into a memorandum of understanding to effect a statutory merger of Deaconess and Beth Israel into Beth Israel. Beth Israel will be the surviving corporation. The merger is expected to close on or about October 1, 1996, subject to receipt of various regulatory approvals. Simultaneously with the merger of the Hospitals, the existing parent corporations of each Hospital will merge together, again pursuant to a statutory merger, with Beth Israel Corporation as the surviving corporation.

There will be no change in the operation of the existing nuclear medicine programs or other NRC-licensed activities conducted at either of the Hospitals as a result of the merger. For example, there will be no change in the use or storage locations of any materials subject to NRC licensure; there will be no change in personnel administering any of the NRC licensed programs at either of the Hospitals; and there will be no changes to any of

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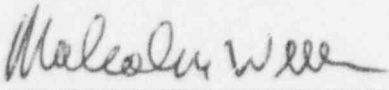
the policies and procedures in place at the existing campuses of the Hospitals. As a result, we believe that the merger represents a mere technical change in the ownership of the existing NRC licensees and that the NRC should therefore have no difficulty approving the proposed merger.

If you would like any further information, please feel free to call either of us or our counsel, Anne Ogilby of Ropes & Gray at 617-951-7472.

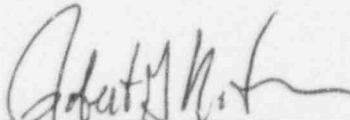
Sincerely,

THE BETH ISRAEL HOSPITAL
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NEW ENGLAND DEACONESS
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