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Dear Mr. Pothiawala:

Enclosed is Amendment No. 56 to your NRC Material License No. 13-16558-01 in accordance with your request. Please note that the changes made to your license are printed in bold font.

Please review the enclosed document carefully and be sure that you understand all conditions. If there are any errors or questions, please notify the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III office at (630) 829-9887 so that we can provide appropriate corrections and answers.

In my letter to you dated February 14, 2007, which transmitted Amendment No. 54, I included the following information and request. To date, we have not received this information to correct your license. Please submit the following information within 30 days of the date of receipt of this letter, or contact me to arrange an alternate response date. Please address your response as "additional information to control number 317133" and put it to my attention.

"Please refer to RIS 2005-31 at

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/gen-comm/reg-issues/2005/ri200531.pdf>

A hard copy of this document should have been sent to you already. Please refer to Table 1, Attachment 2, page 19 of 19, especially and note the activity thresholds listed for materials commonly included in 10 CFR 35.400.

At this time please specify a possession limit for the materials listed in 10 CFR 35.400 (Subitem No. 8.D.).

Please also specify a total possession limit for iodine-125 Iotrex in Subitem No. 8.I.

We must now review license applications and prepare license documents in accordance with this RIS and the requested information is necessary to complete that review.

At this time I added a new Condition No. 16, which effectively limits your possession of iodine-131 in 10 CFR 35.300 to quantities below the limits specified in 10 CFR 30.72 which require consideration of the need for an emergency plan for responding to a release of licensed material.

In your next amendment please specify a possession limit for iodine-131 in 10 CFR 35.300 that will enable us to then remove this Condition. Your possession limit must be less than ten curies, be realistic for your needs and include waste stream activities as well. Many licensees typically request one curie for this purpose."

B. Pothiwala

I also corrected Subitem No. 9.J. to reflect that your HDR source may contain only 10 curies of activity at the time it is exchanged, which is a standard formatting correction.

If you have further questions concerning these matters please contact me at (630) 829-9841 or (800) 522-3025, ext. 9841. My fax number is 630-515-1078.

NRC's Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2005-31 provides criteria to identify security-related sensitive information and guidance for handling and marking of such documents. This ensures that potentially sensitive information is not made publicly available through ADAMS, the NRC's electronic document system.

Pursuant to NRC's RIS 2005-31 and in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390, the enclosed license document is exempt from public disclosure because its disclosure to unauthorized individuals could present a security vulnerability.

The RIS may be located on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/gen-comm/reg-issues/2005/ri200531.pdf> and the link for frequently asked questions regarding protection of security related sensitive information may be located at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/sensitive-info/faq.html>.

A copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system(ADAMS). The NRC's document system is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

You will be periodically inspected by NRC. Failure to conduct your program in accordance with NRC regulations, license conditions, and representations made in your license application and supplemental correspondence with NRC will result in enforcement action against you. This could include issuance of a notice of violation, or imposition of a civil penalty, or an order suspending, modifying or revoking your license as specified in the General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions. Since serious consequences to employees and the public can result from failure to comply with NRC requirements, prompt and vigorous enforcement action will be taken when dealing with licensees who do not achieve the necessary meticulous attention to detail and the high standard of compliance which NRC expects of its licensees.

Sincerely,



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Materials Licensing Branch

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Docket No. 030-11234

Enclosure:

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