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Subject:

Closure of Hawaii Medical Center

NRC License No. 53-11966-01

Docket No. 030-03557

Dear Mr. Whitten,

Hawaii Medical Center has been in Chapter 11 since June 21, 2011. HMC includes the following nonprofit hospitals:

Hawaii Medical Center East

188 acute and 52 skilled nursing facility beds

Hawaii Medical Center West

102 acute beds

On December 16, 2011, HMC announced that it is no longer pursuing the sale of the hospitals and instead is planning for a wind down of operations and closure of both facilities. We very much regret this outcome, but can no longer sustain ongoing operations without a willing lender or interested buyer.

We have the commitment of Prime Healthcare, St. Francis Healthcare, and CMS to ensure adequate financial resources for an orderly wind down. Our focus is now on the safe discharge or transfer of our patients to other health care facilities.

We will ensure that all licensed material is properly secured until it can be transferred to a facility licensed to receive it. After all licensed material is removed from our facilities and final status surveys are performed, we will submit a request to terminate our license. We expect to complete this process within the next two to four weeks. Please advise us as to what other steps must be taken and what help you can provide to ensure a safe and orderly closure.

Thank you for your timely attention to and cooperation with this matter. Feel free to contact Ronald Frick, our radiation safety officer, at 808-373-7009 or rfrick@gammacorp.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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