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Washington, DC 20555

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Dear Ms. Ayoade,

Re: COVID-19 PHE Regulatory Relief request for 10 CFR Part 35.290 (c)(1)(ii)(G)

The American Society of Nuclear Cardiology, the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging, the American Society of Radiation Oncology and the American College of Radiology request that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) consider 10 CFR Part 35.290 (c)(1)(ii)(G), *Training for imaging and localization studies* as a potential area for regulatory relief during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE). The regulation reads:

“Work experience must involve: Eluting generator systems appropriate for preparation of radioactive drugs for imaging and localization studies, measuring and testing the eluate for radionuclidic purity, and processing the eluate with reagent kits to prepare labeled radioactive drugs”. We believe that this particular requirement can be satisfied using virtual technology, and as such request that the NRC add this as an already vetted area for regulatory relief when requested by licensees.

Most of the commercial radiopharmacies who supply portions of this training are closed to visiting trainees because of the PHE, and may not reopen for the foreseeable future. We believe this experience requirement can be satisfied virtually, via demonstrative educational webinars during the duration of the public health emergency.

The undersigned organizations appreciate the NRC’s commitment to expeditious review of regulatory relief requests during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please contact Georgia Lawrence, Director, Regulatory Affairs at glawrence@asnc.org should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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