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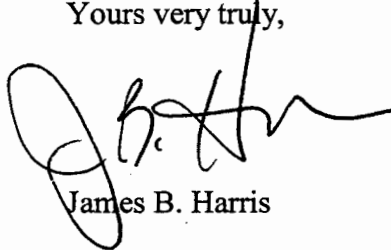
Re: Extension of Informal Period for Resolving Dispute

Dear Ana:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the agreement that we reached on Wednesday, December 11, 2002, to extend the time period for resolving the dispute set forth in my July 17, 2002, letter by an additional thirty (30) days, beyond the previous 30 day extension we agreed to.

Under Section XIII of the Consent Decree, we now have until Wednesday, January 15, 2003, to informally resolve any differences we may have regarding the draft post-closure care permit.

Yours very truly,



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