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Dear Ms. Piskura:

This letter is in follow-up to our meeting yesterday. I want to assure you that we are taking very seriously the findings of your survey. Corrective actions have already been put in place to make sure that we are in compliance with the policies/regulations you brought to our attention.

Corrective actions that have been or will be implemented include:

- Signs stating that no food, drink, or cosmetics are allowed will be ordered today. Temporary signs will be put up today and will be in place until the permanent signs arrive.
- We have communicated with all staff that work in the cardiology area that no food, drink, or cosmetics are allowed. Employees have been made aware that violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination.
- A memorandum will be sent to all physicians that work in the cardiology area informing them that no food, drink, or cosmetics are allowed in the area.
- The cardiology Director and Supervisor have asked for written guidelines from members of our Radiation Safety Committee. This educational material will provide the Director and Supervisor with additional knowledge of the various regulations/policies and the need for enforcement of these policies.
- The Supervisor of the cardiology area will be added to the Radiation Safety Committee. This will allow this area to get educational information, regulatory information, survey results, etc. first hand. The Supervisor will then be responsible for implementing any changes needed for compliance in this department.

In addition to the above items that will be implemented immediately, new construction that will be taking place over the next several months will make it easier for us to be in compliance. As you know, our current testing area is a large, open room in which many non-nuclear tests are performed. Our new cardiology testing area will have individual

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testing/treatment rooms. We will then be able to designate one of the rooms as the nuclear testing area. Monitoring compliance will be much easier in the new physical layout.

We are open to any suggestions you may have, in addition to the above items, that will help us assure compliance. Our intent is to be in full compliance immediately. Please contact me at (812) 353-9551 with any questions or comments that you have.

Sincerely,



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