



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION III
801 WARRENVILLE ROAD
LISLE, ILLINOIS 60532-4351

December 10, 2001

MEMORANDUM TO: Margaret V. Federline, Deputy Director, Office of Nuclear
Materials Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)

THRU: *M. Dapas*
Marc L. Dapas, Deputy Director, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety,
RIII

FROM: *J. R. Madera*
John R. Madera, Chief, Nuclear Materials Licensing Branch,
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, RIII

SUBJECT: ST. MARY MEDICAL CENTER LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 28, 2001
REQUESTING AN NRC SPEAKER AT ITS MARCH 23, 2002
SYMPOSIUM ENTITLED "WEAPONS OF TERRORISM"

This refers to a faxed letter I received from St. Mary Medical Center, Hobart, Indiana, requesting that the NRC provide a speaker at a symposium it is sponsoring on "Weapons of Terrorism" (attached). I contacted the Medical Center to gather additional information on the nature of the symposium and was told that the symposium was being presented in a effort to inform the medical community in Lake County, Indiana, what to expect in response to an attack from Chemical, Biological, and/or Nuclear "weapons of mass destruction." Specifically, the Lake County Medical Society is looking for information regarding emergency preparedness/response, medical response activities/precautions, and in general the expected medical consequences from these threats if they were to occur. The Medical Center has also invited FEMA, among other Federal Agencies, to make presentations at this symposium.

Marc Dapas, Deputy Director, DNMS, Region III, spoke with Don Cool, Director, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, regarding this issue. Their view was that St. Mary Medical Center's request for an NRC speaker at its symposium should be coordinated by headquarters for consistency in the agency's response to this and future requests of this nature, given the sensitivity of information sharing in the aftermath of September 11th. They suggested I contact Joseph Holonich, Incident Response Operations, regarding this issue.

I spoke with Mr. Holonich and James Creed, Safeguards Program Manager, RIII, regarding this issue. The consensus view was that the agency response to the Medical Center's request should be coordinated by NMSS, and particularly brought to your attention because of your current role within the agency.

M. Federline

-2-

If you need additional information and/or clarification on any of the above information, you can contact me at (630) 829-9834 or e-mail me at JRM4.

Attachment: As stated

cc w/att: W. Beecher, OPA
E. Hayden, OPA
D. Cool, NMSS
S. Frant SFPO
M. Landau, OPA
J. Holonich, DWM
J. Creed, RIII

DOCUMENT NAME: G:\SEC\St.Mary.Symposium.wpd

To receive a copy of this document, indicate in the box: C = Copy without enclosure E = Copy with enclosure N = No copy

| | | | | | | | | |
|--------|-----------|---------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|------|--------------------------|------|--------------------------|
| OFFICE | RIII | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E | RIII | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E | RIII | <input type="checkbox"/> | RIII | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| NAME | Madera:mb | <i>mb</i> | Dapas | <i>MD</i> | | | | |
| DATE | 12/6/01 | <i>mb</i> | 12/6/01 | | | | | |

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY



Community Healthcare System

ST. MARY Medical Center

November 28, 2001

John Madera
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
801 Warrenville Road
Lisle, IL 60532

Dear Mr. Madera:

In conjunction with the Lake County Medical Society, the department of Medical Education at St. Mary Medical Center in Hobart, Indiana is presenting a symposium tentitively entitled "Weapons of Terrorism". We felt that in light of the recent events of September 11, 2001, every effort should be made to update all of us in the materials available in bioterrorism.

I understand that in order to obtain a speaker from the NRC, all requests must be made in writing. Please accept this letter as our formal request to obtain a speaker for this upcoming event. This event will be held March 23, 2002 at the Radisson Star Plaza in Merrillville, Indiana.

Please consider this request at your earliest convenience and should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 219-947-6028. Your help in obtaining a speaker from the NRC is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vijay Dave" with "M.D." written below it.

Vijay Dave, M.D.
Medical Director, Medical Education
Chairman, Medicine Department

VD/rc

Phone: 219-942-0551

1500 S. Lake Park Ave., Hobart, Indiana 46342

www.stmary-hobart.com