

January 16, 2002

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Dear Mr. Flater:

I am responding to your September 18, 2001 letter on the inspection frequency/priority for Intravascular Brachytherapy (IVB) licensees.

We have not yet made a final determination on the Inspection Frequency. We plan to make a final determination and revise Inspection Manual Chapter 2800 as part of our activities to develop implementation guidance for Part 35. Tentatively, we believe it may be assigned to Priority 1 because it is a new technology and involves high dose rates.

However, until we make a final determination, we do not object if you assign IVBs a priority of 3.

If you have further questions on this matter, please contact me or Lloyd Bolling at 301-415-2327 or LAB@NRC.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Paul H. Lohaus, Director
Office of State and Tribal Programs

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