COLUMBIA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN & MEDICAL CENTER

August 30, 2002

Pamela Henderson Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Dear Ms. Henderson:

This letter confirms the presence of calibration sealed sources in our hot lab and brachytherapy sealed sources at Columbia Hospital for Women Medical Center. The hot lab is located within our nuclear medicine lab. The room is locked, but not numbered. Further the nuclear medicine lab is locked. The brachytherapy room is a locked room located in the radiology department across from the radiology director's office. The sources are located within a container which has drawers designed to contain the sources.

The radiation safety officer and other radiology staff left Columbia employment on June 30, 2002. Shortly after that time the locks were changed. Only two people have keys to this area. Therefore, all sources are secured from unauthorized removal and access.

The hospital is in the process of making arrangements to comply with the directives contained in your confirmatory action letter dated August 30, 2002. Please feel free to contact me at (202) 293-6511 if you have further questions.

Sincercly,

Robin Newton, M.D.

Executive Vice President Clinical Affairs and

Chief Operating Officer