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Dear Ms. McLean:

This letter is in response to the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) draft report submitted to me and dated November 25, 2002.

I would like to submit comments on the draft report to add to its obvious quality and clarify items from the IMPEP review of October 29 – November 1, 2002. My comments will be specific and editorial in nature and I will address the specific items first.

1. Page one, 2nd paragraph, “130 specific licenses authorizing Agreement materials” should be changed to “Agreement and non AEA materials” because some of the licensees are only authorized to use accelerator-produced materials.
2. Page two, Section 2.0, item one, if this recommendation is closed please provide an explanation of why, particularly in light of the additional comments regarding file 2 and 7 in Appendix C.
3. Page five, Section 3.2, paragraph two. The Program Manager has reviewed his own records and agrees with the second sentence of this paragraph. While documentation is certainly something we need to work on we don't wish to give the impression that we are not doing the work. Attachment 1 has a listing of inspection accompaniments.

Editorially:

1. Page 1, 3rd paragraph, the sentence “During the review, the review team...” is written twice, one of them should probably be deleted.
2. Page 4, 3rd paragraph, “The licensee is then instructed to respond within 20 working days.” Please add the word “working”.



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We would like to thank you for the opportunity to be part of the IMPEP review. We found the experience to be educational and rewarding, and the reviewers to be extremely knowledgeable and professional.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dora Ann Mills". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dora Ann Mills, M.D. M.P.H.
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ATTACHMENT 1

| Date | Inspectors | Licensee |
|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 5/16/02 | Malloch/Hyland | MDS Nordion source change TAMC |
| 4/18/02 | Seeley/Malloch/Hyland | MMC (only documented review) |
| 4/13/01 | Seeley/Malloch | MMC |
| 3/15/01 | Malloch/Hyland | Rumford Hospital |
| 12/01/99 | Malloch/Seeley | BIW |
| 1999 | Seeley/Malloch | >50% of all inspections |