TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD	Date: January 20, 2005	Time: 11:00
Mail Control No.: N/A Inspection No.: N/A	License No.: 37-00896-03	Docket No.: 030-02970
Person Called: Nicholas Smarra, Radiation Safety Officer	Licensee: UPMC McKeesport	Telephone No.: 412-558-1235

Person Calling: Steven Courtemanche/(610) 337-5075

Subject: LER 2004-063

Summary: I contacted Mr. Smarra in order to obtain information requested by INEL in relation to NMED Event No. 040719. Mr. Smarra stated that it was still his belief that the exposure was, for the most part, only to the badge. The technologist's duties only involved the use of Tc-99m for administration to patients (not exceeding 30 mCi), dose calibrator reference sources of Cs-137 and Co-57 (about 200 uCi and 3 mCi respectively), and a Co-57 flood source (5 - 10 mCi). Information from Landauer in the past few weeks was that the third layer of the radiation monitoring device showed the highest exposure and that it was from high energy photons. The technologist remembered that she may have left her lab coat with the radiation monitoring device for an extended period of time next to a microwave oven while it was in operation. I asked Mr. Smarra if the technologist had been reinstated to licensed activities and whether he had asked Landauer to change the recorded dose for the individual. Mr. Smarra stated that the technologist had restarted licensed activities in December 2004, but that he had not made the request to change the exposure record. He had made a phone call into the NRC Region I office asking for direction in this matter but had not received any reply. I stated that since the individual had been reinstated, then he should request a change of the record to the exposure that he calculates the individual received for the monitoring period. He should document how he arrives at the figure he uses. Mr. Smarra stated that he would probably use an exposure of what the individual normally received in a month which did not exceed 250 millirem. I asked Mr. Smarra if the licensee had taken any corrective actions based on this incident. He stated that he believed that none were necessary since no regulatory requirements were exceeded. I thanked Mr. Smarra for the information.

Action Required/Taken: Place into ADAMS.				
Prepared by Steven Courtemanche	Date:	January 20, 2005		