



UNITED STATES  
**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
REGION I  
475 ALLENDALE ROAD  
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December 22, 2005

Docket No. 03034544

License No. 45-25406-01

William C. Lueck  
Executive Director of Operations  
Virginia Cardiovascular Specialists, P.C.  
7401 Beaufont Springs Drive, Suite 100  
Richmond, VA 23225

SUBJECT: INSPECTION 03034544/2005001, VIRGINIA CARDIOVASCULAR  
SPECIALISTS, P.C., SITES LOCATED IN RICHMOND, MECHANICSVILLE  
AND HOPEWELL, VIRGINIA

Dear Mr. Lueck:

On November 30 and December 1, 2005, Steven Courtemanche of this office conducted a safety inspection at the above address and at 6605 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia; 201 West Poythress Street, Hopewell, Virginia; and 8220 Meadowbridge Road, Suite 310, Mechanicsville, Virginia to review activities authorized by your NRC license. The inspection was an examination of your licensed activities as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's regulations and the license conditions. The inspection consisted of observations by the inspector, interviews with personnel, and a selected examination of representative records. The inspector's findings were discussed with you and members of your organization at the conclusion of the inspection on December 1, 2005.

Within the scope of this inspection, no violations were identified.

During the December 1, 2005 discussion, Mr. Courtemanche advised you and your staff that, in accordance with NRC policy, the next time that your license was amended you would be asked to identify only one individual who would be named as the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) on the license. Yvonne Weaver, M.D., requested that the Commission's position and the basis for this position be put in writing. The regulations pertaining to the position of RSO for a medical program can be found in 10 CFR 35.24 (enclosed). Please note that the regulations refer to an individual as holding the position. This requirement is reinforced throughout our guidance documents including: NUREG-1556, Volume 9, Revision 1, and NUREG-1516, both enclosed. While NUREG-1516 is somewhat dated, it provides good insight into NRC's vision of how a medical program is expected to function, including programs like yours.

Current NRC regulations are included on the NRC's website at [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov); select **Nuclear Materials; Medical, industrial, and academic uses of nuclear material**; then **toolkit index page**. The current NRC Enforcement Policy is included on the NRC's website at [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov); select **What We Do, Enforcement**, then **Enforcement Policy**. Or you may obtain these documents by contacting the Government Printing Office (GPO) toll-free at 1-888-293-6498. The GPO is open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays).

W. Lueck  
Virginia Cardiovascular Specialists, P.C.

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No reply to this letter is required. Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

***Original signed by James P. Dwyer***

James P. Dwyer, Chief  
Commercial and R&D Branch  
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

Enclosures:

- (1) 10 CFR 35.24
- (2) NUREG-1556, Volume 9, Revision 1
- (3) NUREG-1516

cc (w/o enclosures):

Yvonne Weaver, M.D., Radiation Safety Officer  
S. Craig Vranian, M.D., Radiation Safety Officer  
Commonwealth of Virginia

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