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Docket No. 03035681
Control No. 137993

License No. 37-30631-01

Vidya Ponnathpur, M.D.
Radiation Safety Officer
Medical Associates of Monroe County, P.C.
239 Brown Street
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

**SUBJECT: MEDICAL ASSOCIATES OF MONROE COUNTY, P.C., REQUEST FOR
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING APPLICATION FOR
AMENDMENT TO LICENSE, CONTROL NO. 137993**

Dear Dr. Ponnathpur:

This is in reference to your letter dated November 11, 2005, requesting to amend Nuclear Regulatory Commission License No. 37-30631-01. In order to continue our review, we need the following additional information:

Enclosed with your amendment request to add Jeffrey F. Bair, M.D. to your license as an authorized user is a signed preceptor statement and a Certificate of Completion from the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology. From the information provided, it does not appear as though Dr. Bair meets the requirements of 10 CFR 35.290 for being an authorized user.

The American Society of Nuclear Cardiology is not a certified medical specialty board whose certification process has been recognized by the Commission or by an Agreement State. Therefore, authorization under 10 CFR 35.290(a) is not met.

10 CFR 35.290(c) contains the regulations pertaining to authorized users who have not passed a certified medical specialty board and are not named on an existing Commission or Agreement State license for the same activities requested. You state in your preceptor statement that Dr. Bair has received 50 hours of training and experience in basic radionuclide handling techniques applicable to the medical use of unsealed byproduct material for imaging and localization studies. Also, you state that Dr. Bair has work experience performing generator elutions under your supervision. 10 CFR 35.290(c)(1) requires, in part, that a minimum of 80 hours of classroom and laboratory experience be completed. A review of your docket file indicates that you only receive unit doses at your facility.

Please confirm whether Dr. Bair has completed 80 hours of classroom and laboratory training under your supervision or attest that he received the required training at Georgetown University Medical Center as implied by the enclosed Certificate of Completion from the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology. Also, indicate where Dr.

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Bair received instruction and work experience on eluting generator systems and whether it was under your supervision.

Current NRC regulations and guidance are included on the NRC's website at www.nrc.gov; select **Nuclear Materials; Medical, Industrial, and Academic Uses of Nuclear Material**; then **Toolkit Index Page**. 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).

We will continue our review upon receipt of this information. Please reply to my attention at the Region I Office and refer to Mail Control No. 137993. If you have any technical questions regarding this deficiency letter, please call me at (610) 337-5075.

If we do not receive a reply from you within 30 calendar days from the date of this letter, we will assume that you do not wish to pursue your application.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Steven Courtemanche

Steven Courtemanche
Health Physicist
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