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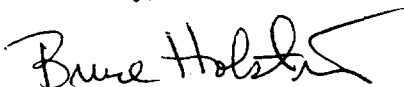
Dear Ms. Gabriel, regarding license number ~~45-00131-02~~ *RLT*

This letter will serve to document the size and resources of the Sentara radiation safety oversight program. Sentara Healthcare currently consists of six hospitals as well as many other facilities including nursing homes and ambulatory clinics. The directors of the Radiology Departments at the six hospitals are a cohesive group and meet monthly to discuss operational issues. Radiation Oncology departments exist at the three larger hospitals and are all managed by the same two persons. Our corporate Radiation Safety Officer, Sandy Wolff, is based at our flagship hospital, Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. Her position falls under the Director of Radiology but Sandy has direct access to any of our site vice presidents for radiation safety issues. Her staff consists of one assistant physicist and our goal is to hire additional resources in 2007. Sandy typically spends the equivalent of one full day per month at each hospital, conducting audits, training, equipment checks and Radiation Safety Committee meetings. Extra time is often necessary to address specific issues. She is available by telephone daily and through a nationwide pager 24/7. Each hospital has an in-house point of contact for radiation safety issues who is the chief nuclear medicine technologist, as well as at least one therapy physicist at each of the larger sites. Other than the three hospitals on the one license, the other hospitals are new responsibilities for Sandy as of 2005, having been previously serviced by contracted consulting physicists.

Allow me to say that Ms. Wolff was hired as Radiation Safety Officer with regulatory compliance as her primary duty. Very few collateral duties ever detract from her time spent on our hospital radiation safety programs. Sentara Healthcare commits to maintaining a full-time position to oversee our nuclear materials licenses. By training and experience, Sandy is eminently qualified and totally committed to our goals of patient safety and compliance with all applicable regulations. Her performance has been excellent and we expect that to continue.

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact Brock Cutchins, Director of Radiology at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital at (757) 388-3104. As always you may reach Sandy Wolff directly at (757) 388-3030 or page her at (888) 341-5703.

Sincerely,



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