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Dear Dr. Friedman:

I am providing another update on the status of the US Army Electronics Research and Development Command (ERADCOM), Ionizing Radiation Protection Program. Mr. Steve Horne is still providing Radiation Protection Officer (RPO) support through his office.

We successfully hired an RPO in April. He had 13 years experience with New York State as a Health Physicist. Unfortunately he stayed with us for about two weeks. His initial physical, required for all new radiation workers, identified a terminal disease that he was not aware of and he abruptly resigned. The alternate RPO position has been rewritten so that a trainee can fill that position, but this makes recruiting a strong primary RPO more important. I will be attending the Health Physics Society Meeting, 28 June to 2 July 1982, to perform recruiting activities.

Mr. Savaiko, Mr. Horne's boss, has agreed to provide initial orientation training and support for our new RPO staff over a six month phase in period.

The planned training program was conducted with ratings in our critique sheet, in the high 80 to 90 percentiles, for "good" to "excellent" presentation. A copy of the agenda is attached.

The Sandy Hook facility has had the source materials removed. Another effort is being planned to decontaminate and remove the associated research materials that remain during July or August. This will leave only the walls and floors.


As for the conduct of the day to day program, most operations have been relatively smooth and uneventful. Recently one series of scheduled leak tests and the forwarding of a few survey instruments for calibration slipped one week, but was immediately accomplished.

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I believe we are steadily improving the program even with the handicap of the vacancies. I am also very hopeful of filling those vacancies shortly after my recruitment efforts at the Health Physics Society Meeting.

Sincerely,



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