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RE: Nuclear medicine licensure application violation

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is in response to an order that was issued by the NRC to me in January 2006 as a result of inaccurate information, unintended to mislead the staff at NRC, that was included on an application for nuclear medicine licensure.

First of all let me say that 2006 has been an extremely taxing year for me. I realize this is no concern of the NRC. First of all unexpectedly, I lost my mother mid year. Two months later I was informed that a very close family member is suffering from cancer. In addition I am now in solo practice and therefore have an obligation to my patients seven days per week.

During an alternative dispute resolution mediation session, I agreed to:

- a. Submit an article of consideration to an appropriate medical journal that reaches an audience of cardiologists.
- b. Offer to speak at a training session at a meeting of the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology, a similar society, or at a Nuclear Cardiologist's Symposium.
- c. Write a letter to local cardiologists describing my experiences regarding the necessity to provide complete and accurate information to the NRC and lessons learned by me from my participation in the NRC's enforcement process; and
- d. Meet with the hospital RSO that has a knowledge of imaging and localization studies in order to review NRC's requirements.

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I am in the process of finalizing the letter to the cardiologists and the article to the journal. Both should be sent out within the next 10 to 15 days. I have made many attempts in the past to contact the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology. Due to their moving and a listing of an inadequate telephone number, I only recently made contact. I made an offer to speak at a training session sponsored by the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology. Unfortunately, it does appear that the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology no longer offer training sessions in handling of radionuclide materials. I was referred to another society, which also does not offer courses any longer. I did meet with Dr. Shashadhar M. Mohapatra, PhD, who is the radiation safety officer at the Washington Hospital Center in Washington, DC.

In summary, I will be sending out the letters to the local cardiologists and an article for consideration by a national journal that reaches cardiologists in the next 10 to 15 days. I will attempt to further call to see if I can locate a nuclear cardiologist type symposium pertaining to the handling of radionuclide materials. Please keep in mind that due to my busy schedule and being in solo practice, it would be difficult for me to travel a long distance for such. I will be back in contact with the NRC within the one week to ten days after I have had a chance to make further calls to see if it is at all feasible to do a presentation at a Nuclear Cardiology Symposium. Please keep in mind that it appears that most of these sessions are being sponsored by for profit organizations. I am not sure that they would be in favor of my appearing, which may reduce the attendance at their future sessions. Also remember, as stated above, I have made a request through the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology, who unfortunately no longer offers radionuclide material handling courses.

Respectfully yours,



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