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Attn: Pamela J. Henderson, Chief
Medical Branch
Division of Nuclear Materials Study

Docket No. 03015006 / 2007001

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Dear Ms. Henderson:

In response to your letter of November 1, 2007, regarding the Notice of Violation which resulted from the inspection by Mr. Willie Lee on September 7, 2007 of our Nuclear Medicine facility, we hereby offer the following observations and actions:

Upon discovery of the loss of the Cesium-137 62 uCi source on May 13, 2005, an extensive search was made within the hospital, in an effort to locate the source. Our search area included the nuclear Medicine Hot Lab, the Nuclear Medicine Scanning rooms, as well as trash containers within this area and the dumpster where trash from this area may have been taken. All of these efforts failed to locate this source.

Subsequently, we have changed the combination on the Hot Lab room. We have direct handoff of the radio pharmaceuticals from the delivery person to the nuclear medicine technicians. We have also locked and chained the flood source to the wall.

The awareness of the personnel working in this area concerning the security and accountability of radioactive materials has been formally addressed in an in-service training session which was held on November 15, 2007.

In addition we are at this time, meeting with the Nuclear Medicine personnel again to review this issue.

As Mr. Lee noted at the time of his inspection, Physics Associates of Roanoke, Virginia continues their practice of performing an inventory of our sealed sources on a quarterly basis.

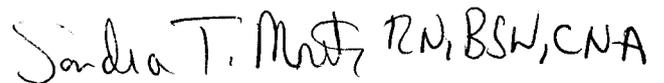
We trust that these reactions: search and training, and additional safety measures constitute an adequate response to this situation. We would also be happy to receive any suggestions which you might offer.

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Thank you for your cooperation in addressing this subject.

Sincerely,


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