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Region I
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Nuclear Materials Safety Branch
Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards
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To whom it may concern:

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Please be advised of the following changes to N.R.C. license #37-27825-01 belonging to Shamokin Area Community Hospital. We request that you amend our license accordingly.

Radiation Safety Officer

As of January 1, 2008, Dominick M. Conca, M.D. will no longer serve as our Radiation Safety Officer (RSO).

Mark D. Liddington will assume the duties of Radiation Safety Officer (RSO). Mr. Liddington is currently listed as RSO on other Commission licenses of similar scope. Specifically;

Easton Hospital –	NRC license #37-09938-01
Advanced Breast Care Imaging –	NRC license #37-31178-01
Westfield Hospital –	NRC license #37-31240-01

Mr. Liddington is an outside consultant/contractor and an overview of his ability to adequately manage the radiation safety program follows.

Regarding the control over the radiation safety program that will be delegated so that the consultant-RSO will be able to exercise authority over authorized users when confronted with radiation safety problems that require implementation of corrective actions.

We have delegated Mr. Liddington the duties and responsibilities of the Radiation Safety Officer as stated in 10 CFR 35.24 and as outlined in NUREG 1556 rev. 1 (final version).

Mr. Liddington will the have authority to meet these responsibilities, including prohibiting the use of byproduct material by employees who do not meet the

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necessary requirements and shutting down operations where justified by radiation safety.

Mr. Liddington will be required to notify management if staff do not cooperate and do not address radiation safety issues as advised or recommended.

He will have the authority to raise issues with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection at any time.

Explanation of the relationship that will exist between the consultant-RSO and institutional management regarding expenditure of funds to facilitate the objectives of your radiation safety program and related regulatory requirements.

Mr. Liddington will communicate with institutional management on a monthly basis outlining any needs that are required to facilitate the objectives of the radiation safety program and related regulatory requirements. Also Mr. Liddington will participate in periodic Radiation Safety Committee meetings.

Identification of other commitments of the consultant-RSO for other NRC or Agreement State licensed facilities, along with a description of how the consultant-RSO will allocate time to permit the performance of the duties of the RSO as described in the regulations. State the consultant-RSO's minimum amount of on-site time.

Mr. Liddington is currently listed as the RSO at Easton Hospital in Easton, PA (NRC license #37-09938-01 and PA-0020) where he is on site one to three days per month and available by phone 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Mr. Liddington is currently listed as the RSO at Advanced Breast Care Imaging, LLC, in Allentown, PA (NRC license #37-31178-01 and PA-0991) where he is on site at least one day per month and available by phone 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Mr. Liddington is currently listed as the RSO at Westfield Hospital, in Allentown, PA (NRC license #37-31240-01 and PA-1002) where he is on site at one day per month and available by phone 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Mr. Liddington is currently listed as the RSO at St. Luke's Hospital, in Bethlehem, PA (NRC license #37-08939-01 and PA-0073) where he is on site at least four days per month and available by phone 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Mr. Liddington will be on site, at Shamokin Area Community Hospital a minimum of 1 day per month. Additional times will be authorized if required to perform the duties of RSO.

Appointment of an in-house representative who will serve as the point of contact during the RSO's absence. This person may be allowed to assist the consultant RSO with limited authority.

Todd Jones, the imaging department manager, will be the point of contact during Mr. Liddington's absence.

Description of the overall availability of the consultant-RSO to respond to questions or operational issues that arise during the conduct of your radiation safety program and related regulatory requirements.

Mr. Liddington will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week via a pager and/or cellular phone to respond to any questions or to address any operational issues. The consulting firm that employs Mr. Liddington has three other consultants that are also available - one of which is the RSO at multiple facilities.

The maximum amount of time it will take Mr. Liddington to arrive at the facility in the event of an emergency that requires his presence is 2.0 hours.

Authorized Users

As of January 1, 2007, we wish to remove the following authorized users from our license:

Dominick M. Conca, M.D.
Ann M. McGeehan, M.D.
Timothy J. Murphy, M.D.
Christoph Pohl, M.D.

Please add the following individuals to our list of authorized users:

James R. Hills, M.D. for 10 CFR 35.100 and 35.200 materials and use
Joseph B. Bellissimo, M.D. for 10 CFR 35.100 and 35.200 materials and use

Drs. Hill and Bellissimo are currently listed as authorized users on NRC license #37-30654-01.

If you have any questions, please contact our consultant physicist, Mark Liddington at 610-873-2790.

Sincerely,



Thomas Harlow
President / CEO

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter/application dated

12/18/2007, and to inform you that the initial processing which includes an administrative review has been performed.

Approved. 37-27825-01 There were no administrative omissions. Your application was assigned to a technical reviewer. Please note that the technical review may identify additional omissions or require additional information.

Please provide to this office within 30 days of your receipt of this card

A copy of your action has been forwarded to our License Fee & Accounts Receivable Branch, who will contact you separately if there is a fee issue involved.

Your action has been assigned **Mail Control Number** 141466.
When calling to inquire about this action, please refer to this control number.
You may call us on (610) 337-5398, or 337-5260.