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ATTN: Deborah Piskura****RE: Inspection at St. John Oakland USNRC # 21- 11494-01**

Thank you for bringing to our attention the two issues identified in our Radiation Safety program at Macomb-Oakland. We have taken the identification of this oversight as seriously as you have.

Our facility has in the past, employed two Radiation Safety Officers, one for the diagnostic side, and one for the therapy seed implant work with MIRO. As you are already aware, F. Bagne PhD has left the employment of MIRO. We were not notified by MIRO that Ms. Bagne had resigned.

To present some insight into our past history with MIRO their facility had been directly located on St. John Oakland property. MIRO moved off-site to an upgraded facility on Dequindre Road several years ago. Our relationship continued throughout this transition, and the seed implants cases have remained at our facility.

While we did have several phone conversations with physics support, Mike Klein, for MIRO thru the sale of MIRO to Twenty-First Century, it was never mentioned to anyone at our facility that Ms. Bagne had left or resigned from her duties. MIRO continued to accept our payments for her duties as the Radiation Safety Officer.

We agree we had not seen any representative from their side, MIRO/Twenty-First Century, during our RSC meetings, except for a visit from Mike Klein at our March 24, 2008 meeting, in which his name was not documented on the RSC minutes, due to his late arrival and then early departure, although all members present recall his attendance. Again during this RSC meeting, it was not mentioned that RSO therapy support had resigned.

In moving forward with our action plan, we are glad to report that we have already assigned a new and single Radiation Safety Officer to replace the previous situation of having two RSO's. The paperwork for Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) replacement was sent to you approximately two weeks ago. We have chosen, Laura T. Smith, MS, DABR - the current Radiation Safety Officer at our sister hospital - St. John Hospital and Medical Center, 22101 Moross, Detroit, MI - USNRC #21-03210-01. As you might be aware, Laura Smith



has an excellent reputation as a Radiation Safety Officer, and we are confident that she will repair our program with the attention that it deserves.

Laura Smith, has already started as interim RSO, and has begun a comprehensive audit of our Radiation Therapy Program, Nuclear Medicine Department and our Radiology Department. We are glad to report that as of this time, she has identified no patient related safety issues.

Mrs. Smith has also started a complete review of our Radiation Safety Policy and Procedure Manual. She has already updated our Radiation Safety Committee Charter. These updates will include - Radiation Safety Committee Members who miss more than one unexcused consecutive Radiation Safety Committee (RSC) meeting (without sending representation), will be contacted directly by the Radiation Safety Officer, and/or other board member, and will be reviewed for disciplinary action by Administration and Worklife Services for non-compliance. Our policies have been amended to reflect this change.

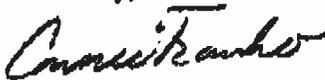
This addition to our RSC Charter will monitor attendance through both our Administration Department and our Worklife Services Department, which would immediately identify any potential future staff leaving St. John Health without notification to the RSC.

Laura Smith, will also provide annual audits of the Therapy Program, and report these to the RSC. Laura Smith will also follow her procedure as she does at St. John Morons of conducting mini audits of the Therapy Program throughout the year. Laura Smith will also be held accountable for her duties through a presentation annually at our RSC meetings of Audits performed, and summary of duties performed throughout the past year.

We believe the combination of the new single St. John employee contract, along with the RSC policy charter update, and the audits performed by a St. John direct employee will prevent any future incidences of this kind.

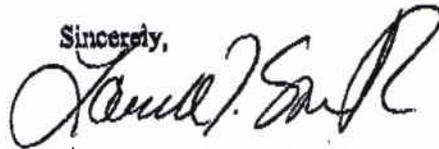
We will gladly assist with any further questions or concerns you might have, and look forward to resolving this issue as quickly as possible, so as we can continue to provide excellent care for our patients.

Sincerely,



Connie Franko
St. John VP Operations

Sincerely,



Laura T. Smith, MS, DABR
Interim Radiation Safety Officer