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Ms. Sandra Gabriel  
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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475 Allendale Road  
King of Prussia, PA 19406-1415

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Re: December 2, 2008 inspection of Materials License 29-00232-08

Dear Ms. Gabriel:

Thank you for your patience in investigating the matter of the waste storage area at St. Francis Medical Center in relation to your recent inspection on December 2, 2008.

I have discussed this issue with our consultant medical physicist, Ms. Karen Wheeler, who prepared the initial amendment request to add the area in September 2007. This matter was also discussed in detail at our Radiation Safety Committee meeting this morning. It appears this amendment letter may not have been properly channeled through our hospital administration.

The basement storage area is presently empty, and has been since 10/28/2008. It was used for waste from I-131 treatment from 10/12/2007 until 12/11/2007. The closet was empty until 4/25/2008, when it was again utilized for I-131 waste. The last I-131 treatment at SFMC was on 8/8/2008 and that waste was removed 10/28/2008.

Our corrective actions implemented to date include submission of a duplicate license amendment request, for which we received acknowledgement by the NRC. To prevent recurrence of this type of oversight in the future, we will ensure all correspondences are read and approved by the appropriate hospital personnel by maintaining signed copies of them in our files in the department. Future amendment requests will be sent via a traceable method in order to be assured of delivery confirmation. Our consultant medical physicist will follow up with any failure to obtain such confirmation.



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Furthermore, please remove the following physicians from our radioactive materials license as they are no longer affiliated with our program:

Lawrence Oliver, M.D.  
Joel Namm, M.D.  
Teresa Ecker, M.D.

Ricardo Eng, M.D.  
Lisa Marie Sheppard, M.D.  
Stephen Ling, M.D.

If you have any questions about this amendment request, or require any further information, please feel free to contact our consultant medical physicist, Ms. Karen Wheeler, MS, DABR at (908) 788-9440 ext. 45. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beverly Rauenzahn". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Beverly Rauenzahn  
Director, Department of Radiology  
and Radiation Oncology