

From: Sandra Gabriel
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 3:41 PM
To: 'Ira Garelick'
Subject: Additional information for NRC license amendment, mail control 143168

Contacts: Ira Garelick

Licensee: Saint Barnabas Medical Center
License No.: 29-01608-03
Docket No.: 03002438
Mail Control No.: 143168

To: Ira Garelick, Radiation Safety Officer

This is in response to the license amendment request dated December 9, 2008 and received on January 2, 2009. Additional information is needed in order to approve the request to name Gerard Perera as authorized medical physicist (AMP). Please provide a response within 15 days or we shall presume that you do not wish to pursue this request. This information may be mailed or faxed to my attention at 610-337-5269, referencing mail control 143168. Alternatively, the signed response may be scanned and submitted by return e-mail. If a fax is to be sent, please consider leaving a voicemail or e-mail message to alert me to look for it.

Please send a return e-mail message to confirm receipt and understanding of this message.

1. Provide documentation of the field of major study for Mr. Perera's M.S. degree from Columbia University. You may provide either (a) a copy of the transcript, or (b) copy of the certificate of completion of Medical Physics program. An official copy of the transcript is not required.

2. Two different copies of the Form 313A(AMP) were submitted, neither of which is fully acceptable.

a. The form signed by Dr. Kao shows on page 2 that Mr. Perera began working at St. Barnabas less than a year ago, however on page 1 it shows that he completed one year of full-time training and one year of full-time work experience under Dr. Kao's supervision. Please help me to understand the range of dates for these 2 years of training and the location(s) at which Dr. Kao provided this training. Based on other submitted information, it appears possible that the majority of the training may have taken place at Memorial Sloan Kettering under the supervision of Dr. Yorke.

b. The form signed by Dr. Yorke is a partial one that might be viewed as documenting training and experience in high energy external beam medical physics. Based on review of the submitted information and internal NRC records, it appears that Dr. Yorke is likely not approved as HDR AMP under an NRC or Agreement State license, and may not meet the requirements of HDR AMP. [Dr. Yorke, appropriately, did not sign the the third and fourth sections of the preceptor attestation, therefore the attestation will be disregarded.]

It is necessary for the year of full-time work experience to be supervised by an individual who meets the requirements of HDR AMP. Please determine if this requirement has been met, or if additional time at St. Barnabas is needed to total a full year at your institution under Dr.

Kao's supervision. Dr. Kao may fill out a new form 313A(AMP) accurately showing the locations at which Mr. Perera's full-time training and work experience were obtained. If appropriate, on page 2 of the form, he may add dates of work experience for "performing full calibration and periodic spot checks of external beam treatment units" [e.g., linear accelerators].

3. If Mr. Perera has received vendor training in the use of your HDR unit, please provide a copy of the training certificate.

If you determine that Mr. Perera does not yet fully meet the training and experience requirements, you may withdraw your amendment request and resubmit it in the future.

Thank you for your help. If you have any questions, you may e-mail or call at 610-337-5182.

Sandy Gabriel
Senior Health Physicist
Medical Branch
NRC Region I
610-337-5182

E-mail Properties

Mail Envelope Properties (2856BC46F6A308418F033D973BB0EE72BCF46D0574)

Subject: Additional information for NRC license amendment, mail control 143168
Sent Date: 2/26/2009 9:40:56 AM
Received Date: 2/27/2009 3:40:00 PM
From: Sandra Gabriel

Created By: Sandra.Gabriel@nrc.gov

Recipients:
IGarelick@SBHCS.com ('Ira Garelick')
Tracking Status: None

Post Office:
R1CLSTR01.nrc.gov

Files	Size	Date & Time
MESSAGE	7860	2/26/2009

Options
Expiration Date:
Priority: oImportanceNormal
ReplyRequested: False
Return Notification: False

Sensitivity: 0|Normal
Recipients received: