

**DEPARTMENT OF
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Memorandum

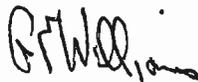
Date: **APR 21 2010**

From: Director, VHA National Health Physics Program (115HP/NLR)

Subj: Radiation Safety Program Inspection - Inspection Report 642-09-I02

To: Director (642/00), VA Medical Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

1. Thomas E. Huston, Ph.D, and I inspected the radiation safety program at VA Medical Center, Philadelphia, beginning **January 20, 2009**, with continuing review through **April 8, 2010**. The focus for the inspection was to evaluate reporting of medical events with emphasis on the data that was provided in 15-day written reports.
2. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) concurrently evaluated medical event reporting and the preparation of a database with detailed results for individual patient treatments. In their inspection report dated March 17, 2010, NRC cited a violation related to the content of 15-day written reports. You had earlier responded to an NRC draft report with comments about that violation.
3. For purposes of the NHPP inspection, I did not identify a specific regulatory violation nor do I have any additional comments beyond those stated by NRC related to reporting the information in the database and the content of 15-day written reports. I accept your previous comments sent to NRC as a basis to close these issues and my inspection.
4. You also provided records and documents related to training to NHPP for possible submission to NRC. I did not send the information to NRC since I concluded the records and documents did not represent training records normally expected to document required training. I reviewed this issue about training documentation with you during a conference call on March 24, 2010.
5. You are not required to respond to this memorandum.
6. Please contact Dr. Huston at 501-257-1571, if you have any questions about the inspection or the best practices for training records and documents.



Gary E. Williams

cc: Chair, National Radiation Safety Committee
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