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Steven A. Reynolds
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Region III, Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)
2443 Warrenville Road, Suite 210
Lisle, Illinois 60532-4352

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

I request an amendment to NRC License 03-23853-01VA, to allow greater flexibility for the Chair, National Radiation Safety Committee, position.

Currently, the chair position is approved for the Chief Consultant, Diagnostic Services Strategic Healthcare Group, with two possible alternates to chair committee meetings. The alternates are the Chief Patient Care Services Officer and the Deputy Chief Patient Care Services Officer.

The request is to approve one additional organizational position in addition to the Chief Consultant, Diagnostic Services Strategic Health Group, to be the chair with the option for the Under Secretary for Health to rotate the chair assignment among two different senior staff physicians. When not assigned to the chair position, the staff physicians will continue as members of the National Radiation Safety Committee and be available to function as an alternate chair for individual meetings.

The new organizational position to function as committee chair is the National Director Nuclear Medicine & Radiation Safety Services. The physician assigned to this position is considered to be part of VHA corporate executive management and is responsible for and coordinates consultations for the Under Secretary for Health in matters concerning his clinical expertise in nuclear medicine.

The four organizational positions identified above are in the organizational structure for the Office of Patient Care Services. The current delegation of authority for the National Radiation Safety Committee is consistent with this request.

If you approve this request, I will provide 30-day advance notification to the NRC before a change to the senior staff physician assigned as the chair.

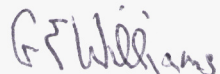
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The National Radiation Safety Committee reviewed and approved this request by vote on August 17, 2010.

Please contact me at 501-257-1572, if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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Gary E. Williams
Director, National Health Physics Program

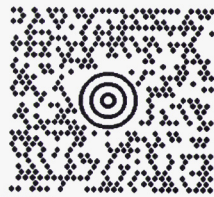
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