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February 25, 2014

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my willingness to accept the responsibility of being the Radiation Safety Officer at St Joseph Mercy Hospital in Port Huron, Michigan. I am knowledgeable of what the job entails and I will fulfill them to the best of my ability.

If you have any questions, please contact me at: 810-985-1560. Or if more convenient, my E-Mail Address is: [nference@comcast.net](mailto:nference@comcast.net)

Sincerely,

John Ference, MD  
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It is with sincere regret and sadness that I report to you the passing of our Radiation Safety Officer, J. Charles Smith, M.S.

Chuck, only 49 years of age, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from a suspected heart attack. He leaves behind a wife, his parents, a sister and his loving dogs. No amount of words can express the loss we're feeling throughout our organization. Chuck has served as our RSO for many years, conducted himself in an extraordinarily professional manner while maintaining an easy going and relaxed manner. He was instrumental in assisting me with all aspects of radiation safety, i.e., NRC compliance, film badge monitoring, lead shielding inventory/periodic checks, radiation machine registrations, imaging room lead shielding integrity and a wide variety of other Physicist services associated with Radiation Therapy services. He will be sorely missed.....

That said, we must move on and one task we need to complete is reassigning the RSO role to another individual. John Ference, MD, one of our Radiologists, has agreed to accept this role until such time we obtain a replacement Medical Physicist for Chuck's position and RSO role. Dr. Ference is currently an RSO at a neighbor facility so I believe he meets the criteria for accepting this responsibility. I have enclosed a letter of declaration, reflecting Dr. Ference's willingness to accept this responsibility.

We have also enlisted the aid of Radiological Physicist Service, Inc. (3839 Napier Road, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170...Phone: 734-455-4730), our Consulting Physicist group to assist us with some of the transitional processes and to provide guidance to maintain compliance with NRC rules and regulations.

I respectfully request revision and amendment to our NRI Material License No. 21-1563801 to change our Radiation Safety Officer designation from J. Charles Smith, M.S. to John Ference, MD.

I also respectfully request that any correspondence relating to the above, be sent directly to me unless NRC requires it to be sent to Dr. Ference. Please let me know if there is anything else that I need to do.

Warmest Regards,

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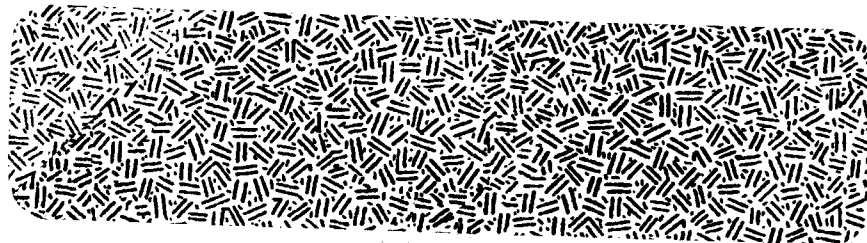
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