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In Reply Refer To:

Dear Mr. Null,

We appreciate your email and your shared interest in ensuring continuity of oversight of our radiation safety operations. Rest assured that VA has every intention to recruit and hire a permanent director for the National Health Physics Program (NHPP) as soon as possible.

The recent change in NHPP leadership was the result of our following NHPP Internal Procedure (IP) #38, dated February 21, 2014, for continuity of operations. Following the IP, Dr. Thomas E. Huston was designated Interim Director after the January 9, 2015, retirement of Mr. Gary E. Williams (formerly the Director, NHPP).

In order to satisfy the requirements of the Master Material License (MML), June 2014, Letter of Understanding (LOU) the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Office of Patient Care Services (PCS) engaged VHA Human Resources (HR) to receive applications from qualified Program Managers, conduct formal interviews, and make a selection for Interim Director.

As the Chairperson, National Radiation Safety Committee (NRSC) I served on the interview panel and actively participated in the vetting and selection of the approved candidate, Mr. Craig L. Adams, whose interim appointment as Radiation Control Program Officer (RCPO) and Executive Secretary, NRSC, was confirmed at our recent NRSC meeting on February 4, 2015.

An appointment letter was sent to the NRC on January 5, 2015, satisfying MML LOU commitments for notification to the NRC within 30 days of changes in the RCPO.

NHPP has experienced no break in administrative continuity. NHPP Operations continue according to the MML, LOU, federal law, and VHA Directives.

Mr. Craig L. Adams will serve as the Interim Director as we proceed to meet VHA HR requirements for recruiting and hiring a permanent NHPP Director.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions concerning NHPP continuity of MML oversight or any other matters related to radiation safety and security.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Milton Gross".

Milton Gross, M.D.

Chair, National Radiation Safety Committee Program

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