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Department of Environmental
and Industrial Health

MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert Alexander
FROM: Phillip Plato
DATE: November 2, 1979
RE: Progress Report No. 25, Contract No. NRC-01-77-180, October, 1979.

Committee Meeting of WG 1.4

On October 16 and 17, the Health Physics Society's Working Group 1.4 met in Denver, Colorado, to consider the recommendations for revisions in the HPSSC Standard that we made in the first draft of our Final Report. Dr. Glenn Hudson and I attended the meeting.

Most of our recommendations were related to our belief that if the future mandatory testing program is so difficult to pass that the majority of processors in the U.S. fail, then the testing program will have to be abandoned. The majority of our recommendations were accepted at the Denver meeting, either in fact or in spirit. In general, Glenn and I are pleased with the changes made in the Standard. If a processor cannot pass the revised Standard, they should not be in the business of processing dosimeters.

One of our recommendations is that the Standard be critically reviewed after three years of a mandatory testing program. We suspect that the performance of the processors at that time will show that the statistical criteria adopted at the Denver meeting could be tightened.

Procedures Manual

We received several comments from your office concerning the Procedures Manual developed for the pilot study. We are revising the Manual and intend to resubmit to you by November 10.

Final Report

As with the Procedures Manual, we have received several comments concerning the first draft of our Final Report on the pilot study. We intend to resubmit the Final Report to you by November 10.

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Visit by Nancy Dennis

We were pleased to have Nancy Dennis visit our facilities on October 25. Since she will be assuming much of the responsibility for this effort at your office, it was helpful to all concerned for her to see the radiation sources and discuss the Standard with us.

Extension of the Contract

We were notified that our Contract has been extended to December 31, 1979 with no additional funds. This will permit us to investigate some of the problems and suggestions raised at the Denver meeting and to calculate the results of any of the processors that finally submit their reported doses to us for Test #2. Even though the last irradiations for Test #2 were completed by the end of April, approximately 22% of the processors have still not sent us their reported doses.

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