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HENNEPIN COUNTY

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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Gentlemen:

In response to your letter dated September 28, 1979, we wish to inform you that our Nuclear Medicine Department has always operated on the principle of ALARA and that we will develop and implement an official program of ALARA.

We strongly feel, however, that the guidelines provided by your model program and by the Regulatory Guides 8.10 and 8.18 are too complicated, cumbersome and costly and are not in line with the President's intent of hospital cost containment.

It should be possible to achieve ALARA by means of a simple, practical and cost effective program on the basis of current radiation protection practices as required for licensure.

Sincerely yours,

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Acknowledged by card..... *dih 12/18*

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