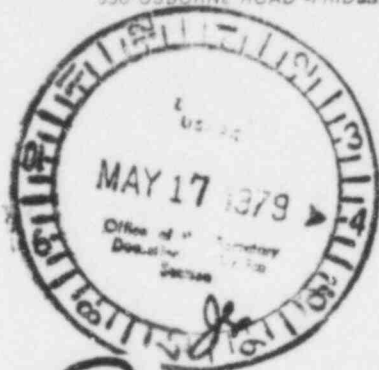


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We support your proposal to replace the current medical isotopes committee with a radiation safety committee. We feel it is appropriate that the radiation safety committee should include a representative from the medical staff of each department where isotopes are used. It is also appropriate that a representative of the institutions management be available. We suggest that the person trained in radiation safety could be one of the above, rather than a separate individual. This would simplify recruitment for smaller institutions. We also feel that the nursing staff representative could be appointed on an optional basis. This individual could attend when topics involving care of patients who had received isotopes were to be discussed, and policy established. As most of the topics discussed do not involve nursing care, a representative would otherwise be of limited value.

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