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G. Wayne Kerr, Acting Director
Office of State Programs
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Kerr:

Thank you for your letter of March 5, 1980, concerning the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's review of the Department for Human Resources Radiation Control Branch.

I am very pleased that after your review and evaluation, your agency finds that the Radiation Control Program is compatible with the NRC program and is adequate to protect the health and safety of Kentuckians.

In regard to your suggestion concerning the Radiation Control Branch's inspection priorities, beginning with the new fiscal year (FY 81), an inspection priority system based on potential hazard of licensed operations will be placed into effect. This inspection system is based on the current NRC guidelines. A copy of this inspection priority system will be submitted along with the Bureau's reply to your technical questions. Unfortunately, another staff member of the licensing and enforcement section has transferred out of the Branch, so it may be quite difficult to meet the obligations set forth in the priority system immediately.

In regard to your review of the medical license, the branch staff tries in every case to assure that the procedures of a license are adequate to meet the public health and safety. In the particular case cited, the licensee requested a reduction in authorized use including the termination of this sealed source therapy program, but retained only his unsealed therapy practice. In the review of the license, the staff apparently felt the present procedures were adequate for this reduced program. As you noted in the review, obviously this was not the way the situation finally developed. The staff has been directed to review these aspects more carefully in all future reviews.

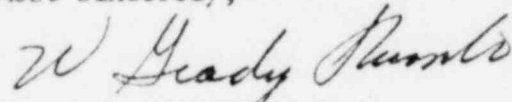
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The Bureau for Health Services will be responding to your comments concerning the technical aspects of the program. You should be receiving those comments within the next two weeks.

We look forward to a continuation of our excellent working relationship with you and your staff in maintaining a quality radiation control program in the Commonwealth.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W. Grady Stumbo". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

W. Grady Stumbo, M.D.
Secretary