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Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Kerr:

Referenced is your letter dated June 11, 1980, including specific comments and recommendations from your staff to improve this Department's Radiation Control Program. We will attempt to address each comment and recommendation made in that letter in the order they appear.

I. Licensing

A. Response

At the time of our program review, the requirements and qualifications for medical applicants were clarified. Because these were discussed in detail during the program review, we feel we have a better understanding of acceptable qualifications and the applicants will be more carefully screened in the future.

B. Response

The specific comments made by Mrs. Schneider have been noted and this Department concurs with them. They will be incorporated into the Radioisotope Safety Procedures Manual to ensure the applicant is committed to more specific procedures.

C. Response

This Department also concurs that out-of-state licensees should be required to maintain an office within the State. At the time each license renewal process occurs, this Department's policy to require out-of-state licensees to maintain an in-state office will be made known to the licensee.

State Program - N.D. file

D. Response

In the future, this Department will require that a radiation safety officer, who will be assigned to the facility full-time, be designated.

II. ComplianceA. Response

This Department now highlights repetitive findings of noncompliance in the inspection report and the enforcement letter.

B. Response

In future inspections, we will obtain wipe samples from the facilities using significant quantities of uncontained radionuclides.

C. Response

The method of independent measurements discussed in the All Agreement State letter dated December 4, 1980, will be reviewed. We will be watching for the next teletherapy training course announcement.

D. Response

In future inspection reports, a comment will be made indicating whether or not licensed activities were observed during the inspection.

E. Response

The inspection checklists used that should have a section concerning transportation activities will be revised to include the procedures furnished in the All Agreement State letter dated April 14, 1980.

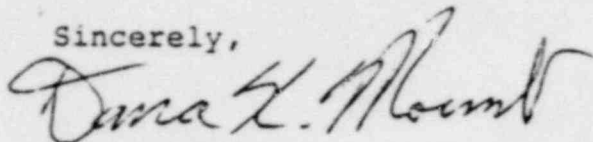
III. GeneralA. Response

This Department's Calibration procedures for survey instruments will be written and kept with the calibration notebook file.

Thank you for your comments and recommendations. This Department appreciates your insight and expertise in these matters and is receptive to implement items into our program which will improve it.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact this Department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dana K. Mount". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

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cc: Gene A. Christianson