

License: 35-09206-02
Docket: 030-0044;
EA: 89-224

Hillcrest Medical Center
ATTN: John Goldthorpe, CEO
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Tulsa, Oklahoma 74104

Gentlemen:

This refers to the Enforcement Conference held at Region IV's request in the Region IV office on November 21, 1989. This meeting related to activities authorized by NRC Byproduct Materials License No. 35-09206-02.

The subject discussed at the meeting is described in the enclosed Meeting Summary. As indicated in the Summary, we have yet to notify you of the enforcement action to be taken.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

A. Bill Beach, Director
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosure:
Appendix - Enforcement
Conference Summary

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APPENDIX

ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE SUMMARY

Licensee: Hillcrest Medical Center
Tulsa, Oklahoma

License: 35-09206-02

Docket: 030-00441

SUBJECT: ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS NRC FINDINGS

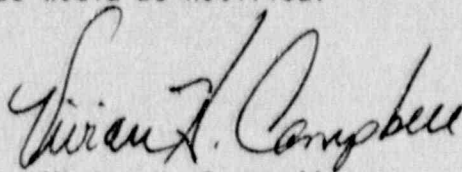
On November 21, 1989, representatives of the Hillcrest Medical Center met with NRC personnel in NRC's Arlington, Texas, office to discuss an apparent violation of NRC requirements discovered during NRC's October 25 through November 9, 1989, review of a license amendment request and related records. The apparent violation involved Hillcrest's having appointed an individual to the positions of Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) and Teletherapy Physicist in 1987 without first ascertaining that the individual was qualified in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 35. Specifically, while the individual was qualified by virtue of his formal education, he did not meet the requirement to have worked under the supervision of qualified individuals in these positions for 1 year.

NRC discovered this violation during its review of a license amendment request submitted by Hillcrest following an August 1, 1989, inspection and a Notice of Violation issued on August 22, 1989, involving Hillcrest's having failed to amend its license to reflect a change in the individuals assigned to these positions.

The NRC staff presentation focused on the Radiation Safety Committee's (RSC) oversight of the radiation safety program as it relates to the regulatory requirements. Specifically, the NRC focused on the administrative responsibility of the RSC to review the qualifications of the individual who will serve in the capacity of Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) and Teletherapy Physicist.

The licensee's representatives explained that, although the RSC had performed a review of the credentials of the candidate for RSO/Teletherapy Physicist, the review did not include an evaluation of his work experience. The representative further stated that the RSC was unaware of the specific training requirements outlined in Sections 35.900 and 35.961 of 10 CFR Part 35. Additionally, the representative assured the NRC staff that Hillcrest Medical Center had a functioning RSC which was committed to becoming more familiar with the NRC's rules and regulations and the conditions of their license.

The NRC staff explained that a decision would be made as to the appropriate enforcement action and the the licensee would be notified.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vivian H. Campbell".

Vivian H. Campbell
Health Physicist

Attachment:
Enforcement Conference
Attendance List

ATTACHMENT

Enforcement Conference Attendance List

Hillcrest Medical Center

Arlington, Texas

November 21, 1989

Hillcrest Medical Center

Georgianne Johnson, Vice President - Patient Services
Terry Eichor, Manager of Radiology
Terry D. Powell, M.D., Head of Radiation Therapy Department
Tim Less, Ph.D., Teletherapy Physicist

Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region IV

A. B. Beach, Director, Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards
Charles L. Cain, Chief, Nuclear Materials Inspection Section
Vivian H. Campbell, Health Physicist, Nuclear Materials Licensing Section
Selvan Rajendran, Health Physicist, Nuclear Materials Inspection Section
Michael Vasquez, Health Physicist, Nuclear Materials Inspection Section
Wesley Holley, Health Physicist, Nuclear Materials Inspection Section
Linda Kasner, Health Physicist, Nuclear Materials Inspection Section
Gary F. Sanborn, Enforcement Officer