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Mr. Robert G. Ryan, Director  
Office of State Programs  
U. S. Nuclear Regulations Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Ryan:

I am responding to your letter of July 2, 1980, which reported certain findings and recommendations as a result of the recent review and evaluation of the Radiation Control Program of the New York City Department of Health by Joel Lubenau of your staff.

I appreciate your observation that a number of improvements have been made in the program of the Bureau for Radiation Control including the successful revision of the position description for the radioactive materials professional staff and the proposed revision of the fee schedule. With respect to your suggestions we are endeavoring to address them constructively.

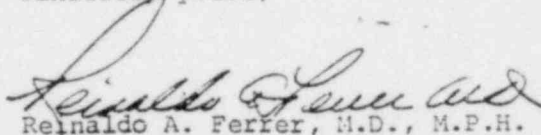
Since the program review, the Office of State Programs has provided the Bureau for Radiation Control with guidelines on the documentation of inspections. The Bureau is now in the process of revising existing inspection report forms conforming to these guidelines.

In order to facilitate the meeting of the productivity goal of the Radioactive Materials Division of three inspection sites per field man-day and 3.75 days out of five in the field, the Bureau for Radiation Control has assigned to the field supervisor certain duties formerly performed by the field inspectors.

In response to your comments on the unavailability of certain laboratory and field radiation detection instrumentation, the Bureau for Radiation Control is in the process of requisitioning new instrumentation to analyze samples and to perform independent measurements in the field. However, until the equipment is received and ready for use, the Bureau will use the equipment of other agencies.

We welcome your comments and recommendations and look further to continued beneficial cooperation with the Office of State Programs in the direction of public health.

Sincerely yours,

  
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