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Mr. G. Wayne Kerr
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Dear Mr. Kerr:

I am responding to your letter of July 2, 1980, which reported the findings of Joel Lubenau of your staff concerning the recent regulatory program review of the Bureau for Radiation Control.

The constructive comments offered for improvement of our licensing and inspection procedures are being addressed carefully by the Bureau staff and methods of implementation explored.

Since the program review, the Office of State Programs, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has furnished the Bureau for Radiation Control with a large number of licensing and inspection guidelines. We are employing these guidelines to update our licensing and compliance procedures.

Two members of our staff have applied for admission to several Nuclear Regulatory Commission training courses. Julius Kreindler, License Reviewer, has applied for admission to the "Orientation Course in Licensing Practices and Procedures", scheduled for September 15-26, 1980 in Silver Springs, Maryland. The Bureau will benefit from the exposure of Mr. Kreindler to new approaches to problems encountered in reviewing license applications. George Verghese, Field Inspector, has applied for admission to the course, entitled, "Medical Use of Radionuclides for State Regulatory Personnel", scheduled for September 22-26, 1980 at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Medical Center, New York City.

Since the annual program review, a full-time clerk has been assigned to the agreement program to assist professional personnel in the performance of clerical duties. She has assisted in the development of a license card file for use in identifying and scheduling licenses for inspection. She has also aided in the preparation of a log of receipt of applications, which is intended to improve the ability of the staff to assess backlogs in licensing actions.

The Bureau is in the process of requisitioning new laboratory instrumentation and other laboratory supplies to facilitate the analysis of samples taken

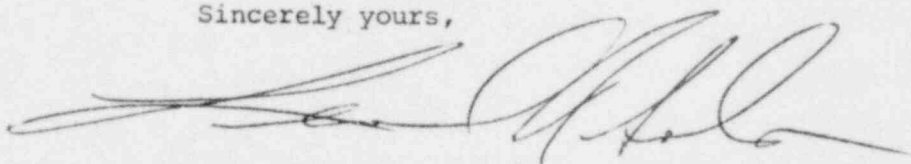
in the field. In addition, the Bureau is ordering new field instruments designed for taking independent measurements at licensed facilities. Until the laboratory and field instruments are received and ready for use, the Bureau intends to avail itself of certain field instruments and use laboratory instrumentation of other local jurisdiction agencies.

To facilitate the meeting of the productivity goal of 3 inspection sites per field day and 3.75 days out of 5 days in the field, the Bureau has delegated to the field supervisor certain duties, which formerly were performed by the field inspectors. The field supervisor will make telephone calls, schedule inspections for the coming week, and prepare correspondence to the license on the inspection findings. The appropriate files relating to the inspection are secured by the newly appointed clerk. During his day in the office, the field inspector will focus his effort on perusing the license scheduled for inspection so that he may conduct a thorough and complete inspection.

The Bureau for Radiation Control is in the process of revising the Radiation Accident Plan of July 6, 1976 to delete and add significant information. A distribution list will be prepared and copies distributed to interested parties, including all persons identified in the plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the findings of the program by Mr. Lubenau. We welcome your comments and suggestions and look forward to continued beneficial cooperation with the State Agreements Program of the NRC.

Sincerely yours,



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