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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Secretary of the Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attn: Docketing and Service Branch



Dear Sirs:

Regarding your NRC notice to NRC Licensees, Public Officials and other Interested Citizens, dated 10-28-80, I am aware of the impact of monetary fines for items of non-compliance which previously required a letter of response to indicate the corrective actions taken to prevent recurrence.

Radiation protection for the general public and radiation workers is our goal. Through all the regulations placed on our small hospital's nuclear medicine department we are able to comply with our license requirements. Wading through the numerous notices and interpreting their intent is a heavy duty at best, even with the help of a consultant.

I feel that the assessing of fines for items where in the past a letter of response and correction was sufficient is excessive and could prove a heavy financial burden for our small hospital. Since radiation protection is also your goal, corrective action is all that is necessary to rectify a minor problem such as might occur at our hospital. Such fines could be a determining factor in whether or not a hospital continues to offer nuclear medicine studies to their patients. The patient here is the one to suffer for lack of availability of needed diagnostic and/or therapeutic services.

Sincerely,

Joseph L. Schumacher
Administrator

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