



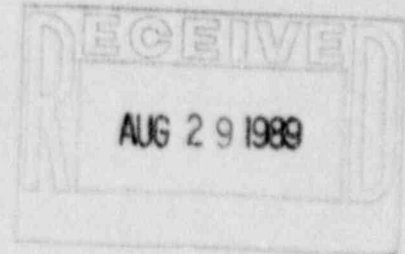
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV
ATTN: Mr. Charles Cain
Parkway Central Plaza Building, Suite 1000
611 Ryan Plaza Drive
Arlington, Texas 76011



Gentlemen:

On May 8, 1989 I informed you that our Radiation Safety Officer, Dr. Phillip Cooper, had been placed on extended sick leave. Effective May 8, 1989 Nicholas Kutka, M.D., Chief of Nuclear Medicine Service, was named Acting Radiation Safety Officer.

Personnel Service was authorized to recruit a replacement for Dr. Cooper, since he has informed Management that he will no longer be able to perform the duties of his position.

Applications for the Radiation Safety Officer have been forwarded to the selecting official and I feel certain a new Radiation Safety Officer will be named by September 1, 1989.

As soon as a selection has been made, we will forward the required information to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission so that our current licence (Licence Number 42-0084-06) which expires August 31, 1991 can be amended.

Thank you for your assistance regarding this matter.

John V. Sheehan
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Director

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Enclosure: Report of Contact

cc:

Helen Malaskientz, Program Analyst

*approval from Helen Malaskiewicz
by telex on 8/29/89. Billie Grzeszynski*

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REPORT OF CONTACT <i>NOTE: This form must be filled out in ink or on typewriter, as it becomes a permanent record in veterans' folders.</i>		VA OFFICE VAMC, Houston, Texas	IDENTIFICATION NOS. (C, XC, SS, XSS, V, K, etc.)
LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME OF VETERAN (Type or print) CAIN, Charles		DATE OF CONTACT 5/8/89	
ADDRESS OF VETERAN Nuclear Regulatory Commission		TELEPHONE NO. OF VETERAN FTS 728-8100	
PERSON CONTACTED Leonard Marcella		TYPE OF CONTACT (Check) <input type="checkbox"/> PERSONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TELEPHONE	
ADDRESS OF PERSON CONTACTED VAMC Houston, Texas		TELEPHONE NO. OF PERSON CONTACTED 795-7402	
BRIEF STATEMENT OF INFORMATION REQUESTED AND GIVEN I contacted Mr. Cain to notify him that Mr. Philip Cooper, Houston VA Medical Center Radiation Safety Officer is on extended Sick Leave and therefore not present in the facility. I told Mr. Cain that there was a chance that Mr. Cooper would be filing for Disability Retirement and could be out for an extended period of time and perhaps retire from the Veterans Affairs Medical Center. I gave Mr. Cain our Nuclear Regulatory Commission License Number 42-0084-06 which expires August 31, 1991. Mr. Cain advised that we wait for six to eight weeks to determine whether or not Mr. Cooper plans to return to duty. If we feel that he will not return to duty within a matter of a few weeks then we could write Nuclear Regulatory Commission a letter requesting amendment of our license and naming Dr. Nicholas Kutka, Chief, Nuclear Medicine Service as our new Radiation Safety Officer. Mr. Cain further advised that if we recruit for a replacement for Mr. Cooper we could send a second letter to the NRC notifying them of the name of the person chosen as the new Radiation Safety Officer and request that Dr. Kutka's name be deleted from the license as Radiation Safety Officer. Mr. Cain stated that there is no limitation to the number of letters we can send in to amend our license as the situation with Mr. Cooper unfolds.			
DIVISION OR SECTION AA/Chief of Staff		EXECUTED BY (Signature and title) <i>Leonard Marcella</i> LEONARD MARCELLA	

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