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Lic. File
21-10578-02

Dear Mr. Caniano,

In response to your letter dated December 12, 1989 concerning the license at North Detroit General Hospital #21-10578-02 the following response to the three violations as depicted in your letter is provided.

Violation 1:

North Detroit General Hospital and the Department of Radiology with extremely short notice were faced with a situation where Dr. Gary Galens an authorized user left the institution.

Dr. Galens sudden departure left the department void one authorized user.

Subsequent to his departure a new group of radiologists who are on a license of their own were brought in to provide services in image interpretation for nuclear studies and diagnostic studies.

Corrective action was taken in the form of an amendment forwarded to your Office of Materials Licensing adding the new group of physicians to our license.

In the future North Detroit General Hospital shall make every attempt to issue amendments to our license in advance of any changes related to authorized users.

In this instance it must be mentioned that Dr. Galens departure was extremely sudden and left no time for advance preparation and/or changes via amendments to our license.

Full compliance related to this violation has already been achieved upon your receipt and acceptance of the amendment letter and fee.

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Violation 2:

Violation number two is again directly related to the sudden departure of Dr. Gary Galens who functioned as the R.S.O. from North Detroit General Hospital.

Corrective steps have been taken in the form of an amendment requesting that Dr. Helena Balon be listed as the R.S.O. at our institution.

In the future North Detroit General Hospital shall make every attempt to provide advance notification of R.S.O. changes.

Again I mention that this violation is the direct result of Dr. Galens sudden departure leaving no time for advance amendment action to be taken.

Full compliance related to this violation has already been achieved upon your receipt and acceptance of the amendment letter and fee listing Dr. Balon as the new R.S.O. at our facility.

Violation 3:

In response to violation number three North Detroit General Hospital has formed a new Radiation Safety Committee and will hold it's first regular meeting in January 1990.

At this meeting goals and objectives shall be developed to provide purpose and direction to the committee.

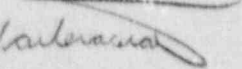
In the future the R.S.O. shall insure that quarterly meetings be held with members present.

Documented minutes of all meetings will be developed.

Full compliance will be achieved during the first quarter of 1990.

North Detroit General Hospital and the Department of Radiology are committed to providing quality diagnostic and nuclear medicine services in accordance with the Rules and Regulations put forth by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Please contact me should your office require additional information pertaining to the three violations found during our inspection on November 29, 1989.

Sincerely,


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