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Kokomo, Indiana*

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Dear Mr. Sreniawski:

The following information is provided in response to your letter of December 12, 1989, regarding the items of noncompliance identified during the routine inspection by Ms. C. C. Casey and Mr. W. King of your office on August 31, 1989, of activities authorized by our By-product Material License No. 13-13028-02.

Violation 1: No representative of the nursing service was a member of the Radiation Safety Committee, either by appointment or attendance, since December 29, 1983. A representative of administration failed to attend RSC meetings held from March 7, 1984 to March 16, 1987, and from December 16, 1988 to the date of inspection. No RSC meetings were held during the third quarter of 1987, the first quarter of 1988, and the second quarter of 1989.

(1) corrective actions that have been taken and the results achieved

The Radiation Safety Committee (RSC) met on October 12, 1989. In attendance were Lauren West, B.S. (Director, Radiology), representing the hospital administration, and Melinda Showalter, R.N. (Oncology nurse), representing the nursing service. These individuals have been appointed to the RSC; in the event that one of them cannot attend a scheduled meeting in the future, arrangements will be made for an appropriate alternate.

(2) corrective actions that will be taken to avoid further violations

A regularly scheduled time for the Radiation Safety Committee to meet during each calendar quarter will be established. This should assist the members of the Committee in their schedule planning and ensure attendance of the appropriate individuals or their designated alternates. In addition, a standardized agenda has been developed for the RSC to follow and one of the first items documents that the required representatives are present and that a quorum exists.

(3) date when full compliance will be achieved

We are currently in full compliance.

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Violation 2: The licensee failed to test their dose calibrator for linearity during the third quarter of 1988 and the first quarter of 1989.

(1) corrective actions that have been taken and the results achieved

The dose calibrator has been tested for linearity during the second, third and fourth quarters of 1989.

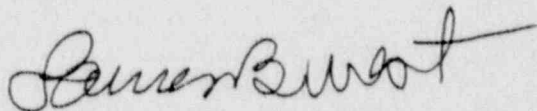
(2) corrective actions that will be taken to avoid further violations

The Radiation Safety Officer or his designee will provide documentation to the Radiation Safety Committee at each meeting that the linearity tests, as well as the other required periodic testing protocols, (such as accuracy tests, sealed source wipe tests, daily and weekly wipe tests, etc.), are being performed in accordance with the required frequency.

(3) date when full compliance will be achieved

Full compliance was achieved with the October 12, 1989 meeting of the Radiation Safety Committee.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please let me know.



Lauren B. West, B.S.
Director of Radiology