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Re: Routine safety inspection of License No. 21-16394-01

Dear Dr. Mallett:

This letter is to inform you of the actions taken to correct the items of non-compliance indicated in your December 6, 1989 inspection report. The items are addressed below in the order of your letter.

1. We have submitted a license amendment application to indicate Calvin Koski as the Radiation Safety Officer. We have received indications from your office that this amendment will be issued soon.
2. In the same amendment application as indicated above, we have also requested the addition of two physicians who can act as alternates for Dr. Castilla. We confirm that if these individuals are not available we will follow the proper procedures for authorizing visiting physician users.
3. We confirm that we will hold Radiation Safety Committee meetings at least once each quarter. Enclosed you will find copies of the most recent meeting minutes.
4. We confirm that we will provide annual in-services to individuals in housekeeping and maintenance as required by our license. Attached you will find a copy of an in-service held with these individuals on December 11, 1989. We have contracted semi-annually with Stan A. Huber Consultants, Inc. for consulting services. They will be providing these in-services at least annually during these visits.

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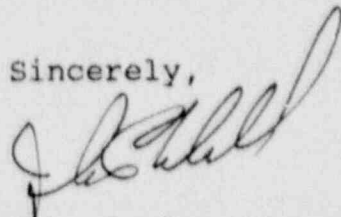
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5. We confirm that we will perform physical inventories of sealed sources on a quarterly basis. Enclosed you will find copies of the inventories performed since May 8, 1989.
6. We confirm that we will perform the necessary accuracy checks of a dose calibrator prior to implementing its use as outlined in Regulatory Guide, Revision 1, Appendix D. Enclosed you will find copies of the geometrical variation and linearity checks which were performed on our new does calibrator.
7. We confirm that we will transport licensed material in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 71. Shipments will be made in an appropriate container, that is appropriately labelled, and accompanied by the correct shipping papers.

Our facility has recommitted to providing the support necessary to ensure compliance with our radioactive materials license. We have redefined the roles of the individuals responsible for radiation safety to comply with the statements made in our application dated September 1, 1985. As indicated in item 4 we have contracted the services of Stan A. Huber Consultants, Inc. to provide an external audit for our program as well as providing annual training and calibration services. Their representative will hold exit interviews with us concerning their findings. They also provide us with a "Data Chart and Management Schedule" which lists less frequent and easier to forget items so that they can be planned for. They will also participate in and report to the Radiation Safety Committee Meetings which will be scheduled during their visits.

We hope the steps taken are adequate to bring us into compliance.

Sincerely,



John Tembruell
Administrator

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Enclosures