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United Hospital Center
ATTN: Mr. Robert D. Williams
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATORY ACTION LETTER

This is in reference to the use of your GammaMed Ili High Dose Rate (HDR) Afterloader system, particularly the European format (day-month-year) used to enter into the system the date of treatment.

Pursuant to a telephone conversation between D. M. Collins of this Office, and J. W. Israel, your Radiation Safety Officer, on May 9, 1994, it is our understanding that you have taken (or will take) the following actions (which will be completed by the dates specified):

1. Install into the Gamma Med Ili HDR system the manufacturer-developed modification that incorporates an internal clock/calendar in the device to perform a consistency check on the treatment date entered by the device operator and generate an error message if the date entered does not agree with the current date;
2. Provide to the NRC in writing by May 18, 1994, the date when the modification will be installed and operational;
3. In the interim, continue to utilize the currently utilized cross check system, which consists of a check of the source activity calculated by the system with an activity table generated when sources are changed.

Pursuant to Section 182 of the Atomic Energy Act, 42 U.S.C. 2232, and 10 CFR 2.204, you are required to:

1. Notify me immediately if your understanding differs from that set forth above,
2. Notify me if for any reason you cannot complete the actions within the specified schedule and advise me in writing of your modified schedule in advance of the change, and
3. Notify me in writing when you have completed the actions addressed in this Confirmatory Action Letter.

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Issuance of this Confirmatory Action Letter does not preclude issuance of an order formalizing the above commitments or requiring other actions on the part of the licensee. Nor does it preclude the NRC from taking enforcement action for violations of NRC requirements that may have prompted the issuance of this letter. In addition, failure to take the actions addressed in this Confirmatory Action Letter may result in enforcement action.

The responses directed by this letter are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-511.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,



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