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Gregory P. Yuhas
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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RE: Docket No. 030-19521
License No. 50-19913-01

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of October 21, 1993 concerning suggestions for improved compliance with NRC regulations resulting from your inspection of September 14, 1993.

In response to your specific request for further clarification of what administrative controls will be established to improve the management oversight of the overall program, I think that you will see from the last two surveys that you have seen significant improvements in administrative controls. This is a result of replacing the staff radiologist as well as mandating the purchase and implementation of a quality review computer software program which aids us in improving our administrative controls including the monitoring of required signatures. We have established and added to the Radiation Safety Committee an administrative secretary with the intent to ensure that all signatures are completed by the time of the meeting and with review of same by the entire committee. We have also developed a checklist that is witnessed by the full committee that ensures that all signature requirements are met. I have designated David Smith, Assistant Administrator of Ancillary Services, as my administrative representative to be responsible for ensuring compliance with NRC regulations. This is in addition to the radiologist who serves as the Radiation Safety Officer and Jon Hayes who is the nuclear medicine technologist in charge of the overall day to day activities of the department.

While I recognize the severity of some of the repeat violations, I wish to point out that the documentation should show the significant improvements that have been made and, with the additional responsibilities delineated, and the secretarial support provided, I feel that all tests and accompanying signatures will be completed and documented on time per regulations. In addition, we have asked for a full review of our current physicist contract to make sure that they are in compliance with their requirements by your department.

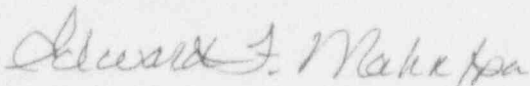
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If you have anything else that you would like to suggest to me I would be happy to incorporate that into our administrative structure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward F. Mahn". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Edward F. Mahn
Administrator

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