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November 5, 1990

In Reply Refer To:

United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region 111  
Attn. William H. Schultz, Chief  
Nuclear Material Safety Section 1  
799 Roosevelt Road  
Glen Ellyn, Il 60137

*License File*  
*12-02642-08*

Re: License No. 12-02642-08; Docket No. 030-00159

Gentlemen:

This letter is a response to the notice of violation dated 10-14-90. For convenience our response is keyed to the items in the notice.

1. Permanent Radiation Monitor for Teletherapy Room.

(1) An Additional Teletherapy monitor has been ordered and received.

(2) This monitor shall be installed so it will be observable by an individual entering the teletherapy room.

(3) Full Compliance will be achieved by the end of November

2. Training for individuals working in a restricted area. The radiation therapy technologist who is the subject of the citation is a graduate of a two-year therapy technology school during which she received extensive training in the health protection problems associated with exposure to radioactive materials or radiation. She is a registered therapy technologist and also is certified by the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety.

In addition to the training the technologist received prior employment at the Veterans Affairs Lakeside Medical Center, she received five hours of training from the Radiation Safety Officer. This training included the contents of 10 CFR 19 and 20 as well as the basics of radiation protection. The technologist missed the one hour portion on biological effects of radiation. The technologist also was trained in normal operation and emergency procedures on our picker C-9 teletherapy unit.

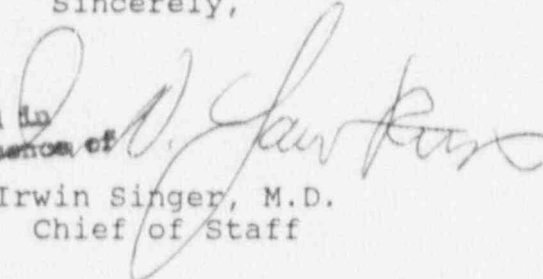
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I have learned that during the inspection one of your inspectors had thought that 10 CFR 19.12 required that the licensee provide all required training and that training provided by others would not meet the requirements of 19.12. In telephone conversations he has since recognized that this is an error. We therefore ask that you acknowledge that what was cited as violation 2 is not an item of noncompliance.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact our Radiation Safety Officer, Eli Port, at 708/965-1999.

Sincerely,

for and in  
the absence of

  
Irwin Singer, M.D.  
Chief of Staff