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Kaiser Foundation Hospital
Department of Radiology
3288 Moanalua Frontage Road
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

Attention: Mrs. Dee Jay Mailer,
Hospital Administrator

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RADIATION SAFETY OFFICER FUNCTION

We have received information which raises the concern that you may not be supporting the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) function in a way that provides continuing assurance that the responsibilities of that position can be fully implemented. In light of this concern, we have several questions, 1) Has the current RSO been provided adequate training and time to implement the responsibilities of that position? 2) Has the RSO conducted meaningful reviews of activities specified in 10 CFR Part 35 and your license conditions? and 3) Have you interfered with or limited the freedom of the RSO to contact the Nuclear Regulatory Commission regarding safety concerns?

We request that you inform us in writing, within 30 days of the date of this letter, of your response to each of these questions and provide us your perspective on implementation of the RSO function.

We also would like to emphasize the provisions of 10 CFR 30.7, "Employee Protection," which prohibits licensees from discriminating against employees because those employees may have raised to their management or to the NRC concerns as to safety or to compliance of NRC requirements.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me or Gregory Yuhas of my staff at (510) 975-0226.

Sincerely,

Ross A. Scarano, Director
Division of Radiation Safety and
Safeguards

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