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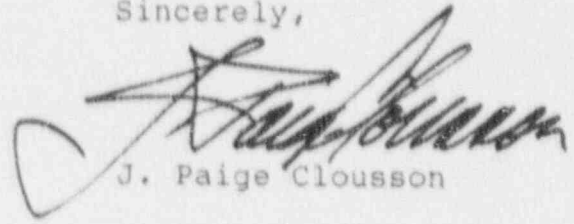
Re: St. Mary's Medical Center, Hobart - Gary
Audit Report of Brachytherapy Program

Dear Mr. Davis:

On behalf of Dr. Sarma, the authorized user in the above-captioned program, this is to state that we agree with the comprehensive audit report made by the audit team. However, most of this lengthy and time consuming inquiry would have been avoided if the NRC inspectors had looked at all of the records, including the records from the Diagnostic Outpatient Center, instead of looking solely at hospital records and films (most of them are not originals and are of poor quality). Several attempts made by Dr. Sarma to submit and coordinate the DOC's records with the hospital's records, failed to yield any results. Dr. Sarma was told by Dr. Torabi that the NRC investigators wanted to look only at the records of the licensee. This is also stated by Alice Nale during the audit. Unfortunately, the NRC physician did not look at all of the records before he made his report of possible misadministrations.

This confusion is due to lack of any set rules of record keeping between a hospital and a free-standing center. However, the Quality Assurance Plan will rectify this problem.

Sincerely,


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