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To Whom It May Concern:

I am formally requesting a hearing based on the documents I received from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission dated the 23rd of May, 1994.

I do not, nor have I ever denied the charges placed against me. There is, however, pertinent information that I would like to have heard on my behalf. I was involved in the activities described in this letter, however, nothing was mentioned as to the reason why.

I was specifically instructed by my supervisor; as were all the other technologists, not to use the plus or minus 10% rule that we all knew existed from the NRC. I personally was called into my supervisor's office with a verbal warning not to document over 5.0 mCi, which would have been allowed by the NRC ( I had recorded a dose of 5.2 mCi). I believed it was a condition of employment, so I did as I was instructed.

When I became acting supervisor for this same department in December of 1992, I was specifically instructed by Ball Memorial Hospital Administration not to go in and upset the department, just continue on with the previous practices. I then began to instruct the new technologists as I had been previously instructed. (The other technologists were already trained in the "old" way by our previous supervisor. This was our departmental practice by now).

It is not my intent to show myself innocent or without fault - that has never been my stand. I was the first person to testify during the investigation and was willing to help the NRC in any way I could. I showed them ways to detect false documentation as well as how to calculate obvious overdosing by others as well as myself.

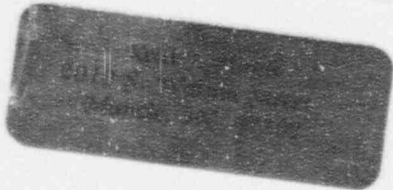
I guess what I'm trying to say is that I feel that these consequences you have given me are too severe. I have been unable to work in the Nuclear Medicine community since I was fired by Ball Memorial Hospital in September of 1993, so, it is unlikely that I will be employed in the field anytime soon anyway. I feel that some punishment may be necessary, but to take away my livelihood for the next three years is too harsh a punishment for an honest, cooperative person.

Sincerely,

Kelli J. Hinds

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