

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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August 11, 1995

MEMORANDUM TO:

John R. Madera, Chief

Nuclear Materials Licensing Section, RIII

FROM:

George C. Pangburn, Acting Chief

Operations Branch, IMNS

SUBJECT:

TAR RE SYNCOR REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION

FROM 10 CFR 30.50(b)(2)

I am responding to your Technical Assistance Request dated June 21, 1995, concerning a request from Syncor (Licensee 34-16654-01MD) for an exemption from 10 CFR 30.50(b)(2) reporting requirements.

The letter from Syncor dated May 23, 1995, requested an exemption from reporting when a failure occurs in a standard fume hood required as part of their license when performing certain licensee operations. The licensee also identifies a threshold of no employee being exposed to greater than 20 DAC-hours total for all involved radionuclides, as estimated by their air sampling. In addition, the letter also indicates that a similar request had been approved by NRC Region I for a Syncor radiopharmacy in that region.

The request by the Region I Syncor radiopharmacy is similar to your Syncor request; however, upon investigation of the cited request by the Region I radiopharmacy, and its license amendment issued by Region, it was determined that an exemption from the reporting requirement in 10 CFR 30.50(b)(2) was not necessary. This finding is contrary to the incoming statement of your licensee in this issue.

Region III Syncor indicated that no compounding would be performed when the fume hood is not operating properly; therefore, the condition in 10 CFR 30.50(b)(2)(ii) does not exist, and reporting of the failed fume hood is not required by this paragraph. Thus, an exemption per this request is not necessary. Syncor also indicates that no regulatory limits would be exceeded (20 DAC-hours being equivalent to 50 mrem Effective Dose Equivalent), as estimated by air sampling as per a previous amendment dated May 26, 1994, and bioassay as per license application dated March 10, 1988. While noteworthy, this commitment is not germane, and in this case, reporting would not be required by 10 CFR 30.50(b)(2).

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