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## Mercy Medical Center Department of Radiation Therapy

April 16, 1991

William H. Schultz, Ph.D. Chief, Nuclear Materials Safety Section I, U.S.N.R.C. Region III 799 Roosevelt Rd. Glen Ellyn, ILL 60137

Dear Dr. Schultz,

Re: License No. 34-00852-02, Docket No. 030-02659 License No. 34-00852-03, Docket No. 030-07510

This refers to your letter dated 3-18-91 regarding the inspection conducted by Ms. T. L. Simmons of N.R.C. on 3-5-91 and the written response demanded thereof:

## License No. 34-00853-02

1. The procedura to be adopted and the safety measures to be initiated in case of a spill of a \*enon-133 gas was already incorporated in the Radiation Protection Manual of this institution and a copy kept in the Nuclear Medicine area. This was shown to the inspector and according to her suggestion a copy of the procedure was posted at the area of use on the same day i.e. on 3-5-91.

## License No. 34-00853-03

- 2. The Radiation Safety Committee met on 4-12-91 and approved the addition of Gizelle T. Bretz, M.D. and Bruce Mervin, M.D. already approved by the Credential Committees and listed as Courteey Staff in the Medical Staff Roster-as authorized users of materials listed 35.600 and 35.400. The Committee also decided to apply for amendment of the above license to include their names. The application with required documents and appropriate fee will be submitted to N.R.C. shortly. A copy of Radiation Safety Committee minutes is attached.
- 3. The copies of the licenses 34-06123-01 amendment No. 33 and 34-13857-01 with expiration date January 31, 1996 were obtained on 3-26-91 from Kettering Medical Center, Dayton, Ohio and kept on file at Mercy Medical Center.

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This is to intimate to you that prompt action was taken at this end to Ms. T. L. Simmons concern and I hope this written response meets all the identified violations.

If there are queries regarding the above, please contact the Radiation Safety Officer at 513-390-5026.

Sincerely,

Rayi P. Nair, Ph.D. Medical Physicist & R.S.O. Mercy Medical Center

enclosure: Radiation Safety Committe minutes date 4-12-91

cc: Ernest J. Henson, M.D., Vice President, Legal Affairs
Ganesh Potdar, M.D., Chairman, R.S.C.
Bruce MacLean, M.D., Director Radiology
Connie Bonner, Supervisor Radiation Therapy
Earl Joos, Chief Tech, Radiology

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8:00 AM

11000 Doctor's Dining Room

Draten . Drs. Potdar, Sickle, Nilivar, Pilar Gonzalez,

Ravi Nair, Earl Joos, Connie Bonner

Absent: Drs. Henson, Khanna, Lawrence

Dr. Ganesh Potdar, Chairman, called the meeting to order | CALL TO ORDER at 8:05 AM. Pilar Gonzalez, R.N. was recognized as the Administrative representative in the absence of Dr. Henson The minutes of the February 22, 1991 meeting were approved after a correction in the Quality Assessment Activities made by Earl Joos.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission inspected the Nuclear Medicine Department and the Telecobalt unit on March 5, 1991. Three violations were found. In the Nuclear Medicine Department, the emergency procedure for Xenon spills was not posted. The procedure was in the Radiation Safety handbook in the department. Ravi Nair has now posted the procedure in a conspicuous location.

N.R.C. INSPECTION

In the inspection of the Telecobalt unit it was found that the Radiation Safety Committee had not approved Dr. Gizelle Bretz or Dr. Bruce Merwin to use our licensed materials or a copy of a N.R.C. license identifying Dr. Bretz and Dr. Merwin as authorized users of licensed materials for medical use. On a motion of Dr. Sickle, second by Dr. Nilivar the committee unanim ously approved Dr. Gizelle Bretz and Dr. Bruce Merwin to be authorized users of our licensed materials identified in 10 CFR 35.600 and 10 CFR 35.400 in Dr. Potdar's absence. The committee requested that Ravi Nair initiate an application to the N.R.C. to include Dr. Bretz and Dr. Merwin as avthorized users of materials in 10 CFR 35,600 and 10 CTR 35.400.

Ravi Nair reported that his review of exposure reports revealed no problems.

Ravi Nair reported that the Safety/Disaster Committee is still looking for a room to store the needed equipment and none of the requested items have been purchased. Pilar Gonzalez will call Ron Himes regarding the status of room location and Dr. Potdar, Chairman will write a letter to Mr. Himes regarding the need to expediently finish this proposal. Follow-up at the next R.S.C. meetind

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RADIATION BAFETY COUIPMENT

Mercy Medical Center

Earl Joos reported that the Maintenance Department is still too involved in renovation of other areas of the hospital to replace the one remaining wood door to a metal door.

RADIOLOGY DOORS

Ravi Nair reported that a letter was received from the Ohio Department of Health, Radioactive Materials Section, and we are now in full compliance.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Radiology - Earl Joos - nothing to report
Nuclear Medicine - Earl Joos reported that Gianna Imperi,
RT(N) is leaving as of April 16, 1991. He is crosstraining an x-ray technologist to assist in the department
Personnel is actively searching for a registered nuclear
medicine technologist.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Laboratory - Dr. Sickle - nothing to report Radiation Therapy - Connie Bonner - nothing to report

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned for discussion of quality assessment activities. The final adjournment was at 8:55 AM.

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Connie Bonner, R.T.T. - Recorder

Ganesh Potdar, M.D., - Chairman

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