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Subject: [External_Sender] Request Relief Under Covid-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE)
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Mr. Randolph Ragland, Senior Health Physicist

NRC Region I

I received your message that you have been assigned to review my request for relief Under Covid-19 PHE.

Licensee Name: Banco de Sangre de Servicios Mutuos, Inc.
License No 52-25344-01
Docket No. 030-33911
Mail Control No. 618804

We are a blood bank and Transfusion Service. We irradiate blood components for transfusion. Although we are fully operational, we are having difficulty obtaining support from outside contractors and are requesting relief from NRC requirements for an initial period of 90 days.

1. We are requesting relief from the annual preventative maintenance performed on our irradiator by our outside contractor.

Our written procedures instruct us to do a preventive maintenance (PM) of the irradiator. The PM measures the dose and calculates the exposure time adequate for the components. The PM is performed by an outside company and they have informed us that due to travel restrictions they will not be able to travel to Puerto Rico at the present time. The company has not given us an approximate time for the next visit. For the items we irradiate, we use an irradiation indicator. This indicator only turn when the full dose is received. We have not experienced any trouble with that.

2. We are requesting relief from NRC License No. 52-25344-01, License Condition 13A which requires leak testing to be performed at intervals not to exceed 6 months. We have never had a leaking source. If our contractor cannot provide this service within 90 days, we will consider obtaining the services of another contractor.
3. We are requesting relief from NRC License No. 52-25344-01, License Condition 18A which requires survey instrument calibrations to be performed no more than 12 months before the date the meter is used. As a backup, we have a dosimeter located in the irradiator room and that is processed on a quarterly basis. Also, the meter is still operable. If our contractor cannot provide this service within 90 days, we will consider obtaining the services of another contractor.

Please contact me with any questions.

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