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In Reply Refer To: 578/114B

Mr. B. J. Holt
Materials Licensing Branch
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region III
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Dear Mr. Holt:

We are requesting an amendment to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission teletherapy license No. 12-01087-09 to more easily accommodate personnel changes at this site.

Specifically, we request that Condition 12 of Amendment 13, dated September 4, 1985 be changed to grant the Medical Radioisotope Committee of the V.A. Edward Hines Jr. Hospital local power to authorize users of the Cobalt 60 teletherapy unit. This committee currently holds similar authority in conjunction with activities pursued under the provisions of the broad scope license No. 12-01087-07.

Should this amendment be granted the committee will approve as teletherapy users only those physicians who show evidence of the following: board eligibility or certification by the American Board of Radiology in Therapeutic Radiology, or certification in Therapeutic Radiology by the Canadian Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons or, certification as a British "Fellow of the Faculty of Radiology" (FFR) or Fellow of the Royal College of Radiology (FRCR). It will be further required that physicians certified by the FFR or FRCR also show evidence of specialized training in radiotherapy.

If it is not possible to grant the Committee this power prior to 15 January, 1986, it is requested that the names of Devdas Sheth, M.D., and Craig Silverman, M.D. be added to the roster of authorized users on this teletherapy license. Drs. Sheth and Silverman are both certified in Therapeutic Radiology by the American Board of Radiology (Sheth in 1978 and Silverman in June, 1982). Both are currently authorized users under the provisions of U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission License No. 12-11355-03.

Your prompt consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

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