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March 17, 1992

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region II - 101 Marietta Street N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 300323

ATT: Stewart Ebteneter - Regional Administrator

Subject: Enforcement conference held on 3/11/92 for
License number 52-10270-01

Sir:

This letter is in regard to the enforcement conference held in Ponce Puerto Rico last Wednesday March 11, 1992. During that meeting Mr. Bruce Mallett, deputy director of the Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards, raised some concerns about the experience and background of Mr. Carmelo Pérez to perform the duties of a Radiation Safety Officer. I explained that to my knowledge he has had extensive experience working with two other physicists in a busy department in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Mr. Carmelo Pérez was not in the meeting during the time we discussed it.

I write to you now to make sure that everything discussed in the meeting is clear. The next paragraph will clarify our physicist's qualifications.

Mr. Carmelo Pérez graduated as radiation dosimetrist from the University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus in 1982. During his last year of studies, he had a part-time job helping the Medical Physicist Santiago Gómez in radiation safety duties. He worked as radiation dosimetrist at I. González Martínez Oncology Hospital from 1982 to 1988. While working, he finished a bachelor degree in Physics with application to electronics (1983-1988). He took a course on equipment calibration given during the 1988 World Congress of Medical Physics and Biomedical Engineering. From 1988 to 1991 he worked as one of the three physicists in charge of the medical center radiation safety program which includes radiotherapy (including Co-60), brachytherapy, diagnostic X-rays and nuclear medicine.

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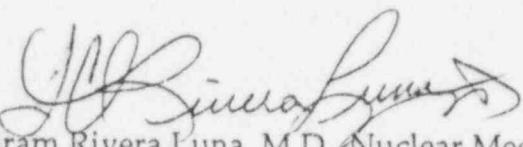
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Please find attached copies of some documents about his training as well as letters of recommendation from two of his supervisors. As you can see, Mr. Perez is very knowledgeable in radiation physics and safety.

We are working hard to correct all the violations and to make sure that our safety program works smoothly and as required by the NRC. I am sure the results will be noticeable in future inspections. Time will speak by itself. For now, I respectfully ask you to give us the opportunity to show what we are able to accomplish.

If there is any question about our plan of action or any matter related to the last inspection do not hesitate to contact us as soon as possible.

Thanks for your attention, respectfully,



Hiram Rivera Luna, M.D., Nuclear Medicine Physician

cc: Mr. Bruce Mallett,
Deputy director, Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards.

Mr. George Jenkins,
Director of Enforcement.

Mr. Héctor Bermudez
Radiation Specialist, Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards.

Universidad de Puerto Rico
RECINTO DE CIENCIAS MEDICAS

Certificamos que
Carmelo Pérez Rosario

Asistió, durante el período comprendido entre el día 17 de noviembre de 1980 y el día 13 de nov. de 1981 a un adiestramiento en

Posimetría Oncológica

En testimonio de asistencia y aprovechamiento, expedimos el presente certificado en Río Piedras, Puerto Rico, el día 13 de nov. de 1981

Bernard Kraemer
RECTOR

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JEFÉ DEPARTAMENTO





American Association of Physicists in Medicine
Asociación Latinoamericana de Física Médica
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Sociedad Española de Física Médica

CERTIFICAN

Que

Carmela Díez Rosario

Ha asistido a las clases teóricas (15 horas) y a las sesiones de laboratorio (16 horas) del CURSO PRACTICO DE DOSIMETRIA FISICA EN RADIOTERAPIA realizado en la Universidad de Texas, "Health Science Center" y en el "Cancer Therapy and Research Center", en la ciudad de San Antonio, Texas, EE.UU., del tres al siete de agosto de mil novecientos ochenta y ocho.

En representación de las instituciones patrocinadoras del curso, da fe del presente certificado.

Cari Borrás

Cari Borrás, D.Sc.
Co-Directora del Curso

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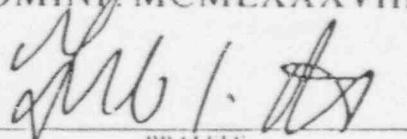
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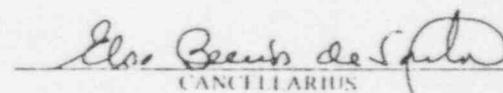
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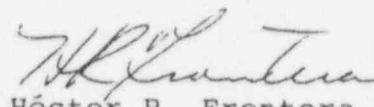


CERTIFICACION

A QUIEN PUEDA INTERESAR:

CERTIFICO QUE -----PEREZ ROSARIO CARMELO-----, número de estudiante 842-79-6529, obtuvo el grado de bachillerato en Ciencias con especialización en -FISICA APLICADA A LA ELECTRONICA-que ofrece el Colegio Universitario de Humacao.

Expedida a petición de -----Carmelo Pérez Rosario----- en Humacao, Puerto Rico el día 6 de abril de 1989.



Héctor R. Frontera Benítez
Registrador Auxiliar