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SUBJECT:

COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO 10 CFR 34

In response to your memorandum of October 2, 1987, we concur on the proposed changes to 10 CFR 34 and offer these comments. Until we have more field experience with the alarming dosimeters, it seems prudent to require that both pocket and alarm dosimeters be used by radiographers. It is noted that revised paragraph 34.33 does not speak to actions to be taken by the radiographer when the dosimeter alarms. It seems appropriate that he would 1) cease operations, 2) evaluate the reading on his pocket dosimeter, and 3) perform a careful survey with the portable survey instrument in order to locate the source of the high radiation field. If you have questions concerning these comments please contact J. Everett, FTS 728-8187

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