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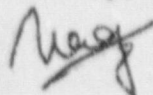
Dear Dr. Cool:

I would like to express my concern and opinion regarding the training requirements. When 10 CFR Part 35 is revised, there should be no change in the training requirements for teletherapy or brachytherapy for the safety of the patients. Physicians treating patients with radiation should be adequately trained in radiation therapy, and should be cognizant of the long-term adverse effects of radiation therapy. The physician should, therefore, also have adequate training to handle emergencies that may be caused by radioactive material. The physician should have at least three years of training in therapeutic radiology, even if they are providing brachytherapy at one site, e.g., the heart or the brain.

I hope you will consider the above when revising 10 CFR Part 35 regulations.

Thanking you,

Sincerely,



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