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Dr. Donald A. Cool
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Dr. Cool:

I am writing to you recommending that the training requirements for the use of teletherapy equipment and brachytherapy sources not be changed. ! feel that this is a critical issue for our specialty.

When the NRC revises 10 CFR Part 35 there should be no change in the training requirements for teletherapy or brachytherapy. I feel that the NRC should be lauded for the current training requirements. Patients have been well served and protected. This status quo should be maintained. There could be a tremendous detrimental effect on patients if efforts to loosen the training requirements.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

MR:sf

(c:Cool)

Marvin Rotman, M.D. Professor and Chairman

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