

January 27, 1998

EA 97-518

Baxter Healthcare Corporation of Puerto Rico
TN: Mr. Edwin A. Betancourt
General Manager
P. O. Box 1389
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Dear Mr. Betancourt:

SUBJECT: PREDECISIONAL ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE SUMMARY
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 52-21175-01/96-02 AND 52-21175-01/97-01 AND OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS REPORT NO. 2-96-40)

This letter refers to the closed predecisional enforcement conference held at our request on January 12, 1998. This meeting concerned activities authorized for your irradiator facility in Aibonito, Puerto Rico. The issues discussed at this conference related to the apparent unauthorized alteration of an irradiator safety system. A list of attendees and a copy of your handout and the NRC materials presented at the conference are enclosed. We are continuing our review of these issues and will contact you in the near future regarding the results of our deliberations in this matter.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosures, and any reply will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact us.

Sincerely

/s/

Charles M. Hosey, Deputy Director
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

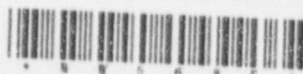
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


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LIST OF ATTENDEES AT BAXTER HEALTHCARE CORPORATION
PREDECISIONAL ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE

JANUARY 17, 1998

I. NRC Representatives

Dr. Bruce Mallett, Acting Deputy Regional Administrator, Region II
(RII)

Mr. Charles Hosey, Deputy Director, Division of Nuclear Materials
Safety (DNMS), RII

Ms. Anne Boland, Director, Enforcement and Investigation
Coordination Staff, RII

Mr. Hector Bermudez, Senior Radiation Specialist, DNMS, RII

Mr. Jay Henson, Senior Radiation Specialist, DNMS, RII

II. Baxter Healthcare Corporation Representatives

Mr. Edwin Betancourt, Plant Manager

Mr. Luis Alvarado, Operations Manager

Mr. Juan Rivera, Superintendent

Mr. Vicente Roig, Quality Assurance Supervisor

Mr. Oscar Camacho, former Radiation Safety Officer

Mr. Angel Alicea, Engineer

Mr. Angel Luis, Electrician

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