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Please address the following issues related to the release of areas previously used for in vitro activities:

- 1) Describe the quantities of activities handled at any one time (e.g., microcuries)
- 2) Indication of whether a final closeout survey was performed after kits were no longer used in this area that included all equipment (e.g., lab benches, sinks, refrigerators, etc.) and the area of use.
- 3) Provide the results of the final closeout survey performed (e.g, whether wipe surveys were background levels).

Thank you for your assistance,
Penny Lanzisera & Michelle Simmons
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>>> Frank Ottino <FOttino@washingtonhospital.org> 02/18/05 09:22AM >>>
Michele,

Here is the statement made by Dr. Parker, the recently retired director of The Washington Hospitals' labs. If I can be of any further help please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Thanks,

Frank Ottino

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> From: Leslie Parker PhD
> Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2005 11:24 PM
> To: Frank Ottino
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> Frank:

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> The last time I modified our RIA handling procedures was in 1990.
> It would be shortly after that we stopped working with isotopes. All of
> our records were put on microfilm and stored in the attic. I am sure they
> are long gone. Since we were dealing trace amount of isotopes, we were
> even allowed to dispose of them by pouring them down the Rad sink. We did
> do regular surveys of the working areas and they were never above
> background levels. The surveys consisted of wiping the surfaces of our
> lab and counting these samples in our well counter, a scintillation

> counter. Wipes were obtained from those areas were radioactive
> contamination would most likely be found, i.e. bench tops, centrifuges,
> Rad sink, Rad refrigerator, etc..

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> As I told you earlier we no longer have any radioactive standard
> sources. Our work area was located in what is now the pathology
> secretaries' office.

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> Leslie Parker, PhD
> Chief Biochemist

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CC: LAT@nrc.gov; Michelle Simmons

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