

The Reading Hospital and Medical Center



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Re: Control No. 136890
Docket No. 03002960

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Dear Ms. Beardsley and Ms. Gabriel,

We have responded to Items 1 and 2 of your letter dated 5-24-05 in a letter addressed to Shirley Xu of your office, dated 6-1-05 (a copy is enclosed).

Our response to Item 3 is as follows, as per your itemization:

3. a. We have designated Walter L. Robinson, M.S., as a consultant-RSO, and he has the full responsibility of managing our radiation safety program. He has full authority over authorized users pertaining to radiation safety problems. His position allows him direct access to myself, representing management. I will support the corrective actions that he feels are necessary. We discuss most radiation safety issues at the quarterly Radiation Safety Committee (RSC) meetings, at which Mr. Robinson, Dr. Smith, and I attend. Actions recommended by the committee are facilitated by Mr. Robinson and myself, representing management.

3. b. When funds are needed for radiation safety related matters, Mr. Robinson will present them at the RSC meeting. If issues must be handled more swiftly, Mr. Robinson will discuss them with me directly. I, representing management at the RSC meetings, can authorize expenditures of funds to facilitate objectives of the radiation safety program and related regulatory requirement compliance.

3. c. Mr. Robinson, the consultant-RSO, is an RSO at two other hospitals and one private nuclear cardiology practice. Mr. Robinson is in the process of resigning from one of the hospitals as their RSO, to be replaced by one of his associates. He and I confirm that he has adequate time to provide the duties and services necessary to run our radiation safety program with a minimum of six hours per week on-site commitment. If more time is needed he will/can provide it. Since Mr. Robinson will be on-site 1 day per week (4 days per month), Dr. Rene Smith, the current RSO, will assume the role of assistant RSO, and facilitate management of radiation safety-related matters that may arise on other days of the week that he is present. He will confer with Mr. Robinson if he has any doubt about the proper way to facilitate corrective action. Mr. Robinson is available to be contacted by cell phone, pager, e-mail, voicemail, and fax 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, as our RSO.

3. d. Mr. Robinson lives approximately 30-40 minutes from The Reading Hospital Medical Center in West Reading. If required to arrive from a location other than home, such as another client during a weekday, his arrival could be as long as 1-2 hours. Meanwhile, Dr. Rene Smith, our current RSO, will respond to operational issues on-site that arise-following communication with Mr. Robinson-as needed.

If you have additional questions pertaining to this matter you may contact Mr. Robinson at 1-800-446-7622, X-1. Your speedy response to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carl Seidl". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "C" and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Carl Seidl
Vice President
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June 1, 2005

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Subj.: NRC License No. 37-00485-04
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Dear Ms. Xu:

This is in reference to the letter from the NRC dated May 24, 2005, signed by Michelle Beardsley.

We would like to expedite our request to amend our License to include Rebecca C. Middleton, Ph.D., as an Authorized Medical Physicist for our HDR unit. We will reapply for Brent Z. Wang, Ph.D. when he meets all the requirements of 10 CFR 35.51. We will address the RSO issue at a later date.

Your speedy response on this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Carl Seidl,
Vice President