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Dear Ms. Lanzisera,

This is in response to your email letter to Joseph Rizzi (jrizzi@wpahs.org), dated September 27, 2005 at 10:16 AM.

Response to Item 1 - Authorized Users will receive vendor HDR training, including a drill of emergency response procedures prior to first clinical use. In addition, a drill of emergency response procedures will be included in the annual refresher training.

Response to Item 2 - AGH personnel providing annual refresher training and subsequent training for new employees using the HDR device will have received the training outlined in Appendix 1 of the amendment request.

Response to Item 3 - the following section will be added to the Emergency Response Procedures in Appendix 3 of the amendment request.

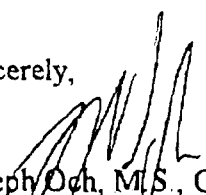
Access control and posting in an emergency

The HDR treatment area will be evacuated and the door locked in the event the source cannot be immediately secured. In addition, the door will be posted with "do Not Enter" or "Authorized Entry Only" signs until the source is secured.

Also, an updated list of names and telephone numbers of authorized users and authorized medical physicists will be located at the control console.

Should you have any additional questions please contact Joseph Rizzi at 412-359-0897 or Joseph Och at 412-359-6864

Sincerely,



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