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This is in reference to the letter dated August 10, 2005 requesting to amend Nuclear Regulatory Commission License No. 29-17610-01. In order to continue our review, we need the following additional information:

1. In order to approve Paula Visconti, Ph.D. as an authorized medical physicist we will need evidence of related continuing education and experience due to the fact that Dr. Visconti's American Board of Radiology certificate was issued greater than seven years ago. 10 CFR 35.59 states, in part, that the training and experience specified in 35.51 and 35.961 must have been obtained within the 7 years preceding the date of application or the individual must have had related continuing education and experience since the required training and experience was completed.
2. Please confirm that therapy device operators, authorized users, and authorized medical physicists receive the vendor training for use of the device.
3. Your request dated August 10, 2005 listed items that are included in your Spot Check procedures. Please provide detailed spot check procedures that describe how you will verify operability of the treatment room door, radiation monitors used to indicate the source position, and timer accuracy.

In addition, please confirm that if spot-check result indicates the malfunction of any system (not the door interlock only), you will lock the control console in the off position and not use the unit except as may be necessary to repair, replace, or check the malfunctioning system.

4. As prescribed by 10 CFR 35.610, please provide the following with regards to your emergency procedures:
 - a. the process for restricting access to and posting of the treatment area to minimize the risk of inadvertent exposure, following a source failing to return to the device; and
 - b. confirm that you will update your emergency procedures as necessary to include the names and telephone numbers of personnel (authorized users, authorized medical physicists, and the Radiation Safety Officer) to be contacted if the unit or console operates abnormally.
5. Describe the emergency response equipment that you will possess for use with your remote afterloader unit. Consider the various equipment failures described in your emergency response procedures. For remote afterloaders, emergency equipment should include at a minimum, shielded storage containers, remote handling tools, and supplies for removal of applicators or sources from patients, such as scissors and cable cutters.

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