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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING GWU
AMENDMENT TO NAME DAVID BISSON AS RADIATION SAFETY OFFICER

Dear Mr. Hammann,

This is in reference to your letter dated March 28, 2006 requesting additional information regarding our February 22, 2006 request to name Mr. David Bisson, CHP as the Radiation Safety Officer of our NRC License No. 08-00216-22.

The following is the supporting information you required to continue review of our original request:

- a. Mr. Bisson (consultant-RSO) has been contracted to serve as a fulltime onsite Radiation Safety Officer. Working in this capacity, he is granted full authority over the radiation safety program. The following is an excerpt from section 7.1 Part 1 B Statement of Authority from our August 5, 2005 license renewal application:

"Furthermore, it is hereby declared that the Radiation Safety Officer of the George Washington University derives his authority from the Office of the President, through the Office of the Vice President for Medical Affairs, through the Chairman of the Medical Center Radiation and Radioisotope Committee in all matters involving radiation safety and/or violations of accepted rules of practice as described herein."

- b. The relationship between the consultant-RSO and management in regards to expenditure is no different than the relationship that exists when GWU employs the person in this position. Management is fully committed to allocating sufficient financial resources (i.e. equipment, personnel and materials) as necessary and grants the authority to the consultant-RSO utilize to them as needed to assure the objectives of the program and the related regulatory requirements are met.

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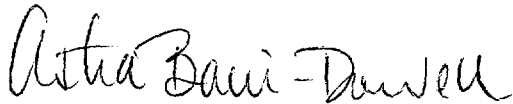
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- c. Mr. Bisson is currently the Radiation Safety Officer for his company's (RSO, Inc.) Maryland Agreement State Radioactive Materials License. He has made arrangements to assure sufficient oversight of that license to allow for fulltime onsite coverage of our license (8 hours per day).
- d. The in-house representative who will serve as the point of contact during the RSO's absence is Dr. Katherine Kennedy who is currently the chair of our radiation safety committee.
- e. As was stated above, the consultant-RSO will be onsite during normal working hours and would be available to respond to questions or operational issues that arise. The consultant-RSO lives in the local Washington DC area and is available to respond to any emergency that would require his presence. The amount of time it would take to arrive at the facility would be dependant on the local condition; however the maximum amount of time it would take to arrive would be about one to two hours.

We hope this information will be sufficient to approve our request. If you need any additional information or clarification please contact me at 202-994-2312.

Sincerely,



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University Management Representative

cc: Dr. Katherine Kennedy
David Bisson

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