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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Medical Branch
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety
Region I
475 Allendale Road
King of Prussia, PA 19406-1415

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Re: Materials License #: 29-07470-03 03002497
Pascack Valley Hospital - Westwood - NJ

To Whom It May Concern:

We are inquiring as to the status of Brenda Christensen, MD as an authorized user of 10 CFR 35.200 materials for cardiovascular clinical procedures.

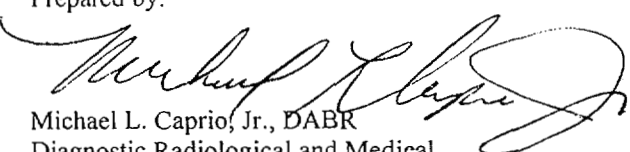
Summary:

1. At the Radiation Safety Committee meeting of 18 September 1997 (minutes attached), the credentials of Brenda Christensen, MD were reviewed (see item # 6) and it was the unanimous decision of the committee to name Dr. Christensen as an authorized user of Tc-99m for cardiac imaging.
2. In a letter to the NRC, dated 7 October 1997 (copy attached), the NRC was notified concerning our decision to add Dr. Christensen as an authorized user. Supporting documentation was also attached to this notice.

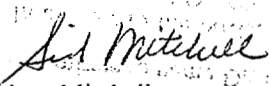
Information requested:

1. A copy of the follow-up letter from the NRC in which you accepted our notification for the permission to allow Brenda Christensen, MD to work at our facility as an authorized user pursuant to 10 CFR 35.13(b)(1).
2. Based upon our actions of 18 September 1997, add the name of Brenda Christensen, MD as an authorized user on Section 12-B of our license.

Prepared by:


Michael L. Caprio, Jr., DABR
Diagnostic Radiological and Medical
Nuclear Physicist

Sincerely,


Sidney Mitchell
President & Chief Executive Officer

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**Pascack
Valley
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Chairman, Board of Directors

October 7, 1997

License Management Branch
Nuclear Materials Safety Branch
Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region I
475 Allendale Road
King of Prussia, PA 19406-1415

Re: License No. 29-07470-03

Dear Sirs:

At the present time, we wish to notify the NRC that our Radiation Safety Committee had approved a new physician user.

Relevant information is as follows:

Physician Name: Brenda Christensen, MD

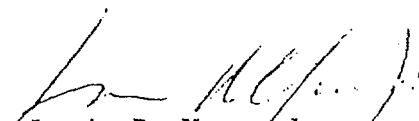
Materials requested: 35.200 for cardiovascular clinical procedures

Documentation of Experience:

1. Nuclear Medicine Education
 - a. Principles of Radiation Physics 3/2/96
 - Radiation Instrumentation 4/13/96
 - Radiation Protection 5/11/96
 - Radiopharmaceuticals & Chemistry 6/29/96
2. Letter from Dr. Melvin Freundlich (9/6/96) attesting to Dr. Christensen's competency.
3. Preceptor statements for Dr. Christensen.
4. Copy of license # 29-30137-01 issued to Bergen Medical Imaging Center showing that Dr. Christensen is an authorized user of 35.200 materials for cardiovascular clinical procedures.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Louis R. Ycre, Jr.
President & CEO

PASCACK VALLEY HOSPITAL

RADIATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meeting

September 18, 1997

Membership Present: Mr. T. McGowan, Administration
Mr. C. Koster
Dr. S. Kaufman, RSO
Mr. J. Mancision, RT, Radiology
Mr. D. DelVecchio, RTT
Ms. C. Niler, CNMT
Mr. Michael L. Caprio, Jr., M.S., CHP, DABR
Mr. B. Bucher
Dr. F. Gingerelli
Ms. A. Palladino

Members Excused: Dr. S. Eisenberg
Ms. D. Bongiovanni, RN, Nursing

A quorum being established, the meeting of the radiation safety committee was
Called to order at 11:00 AM on 18 September 1997.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting was reviewed and unanimously approved by the committee membership.
2. ALARA review: A review of the film badge reports over the last three months Indicates that all personnel are operating below ALARA level 1 guidelines.
3. QMP report: A quarterly review of compliance to the NRC's quality management program was performed by the medical physicist for nuclear medicine. Over the preceding three month period, 100% of the cases were reviewed. A copy of his report is attached. The radiation therapy department reported that, for the use of Cobalt 60, they plan to audit the program only on an annual basis on or about March 1998.
4. NRC Documentation: The following NRC documents were reviewed by the RSC:
 - IE 97-61: US DHHS letter re: year 2000
 - FR 39058: Radiological criteria for license
 - FR 40975: License term for medical use licenses
 - FR 42948: Proposed regulation – withdrawn (10 CFR 20)
5. The use of lead aprons in the OR as regulated by NJ-DEPE was discussed. It was determined that a physician user is in need of a specially designed lead apron. It was reported that this apron is on order.

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RADIATION SAFETY COMMITTEE Meeting September 18, 1997

6. The credentials of Dr. Brenda Christensen were reviewed. Dr. Christensen is seeking permission from this committee to be an authorized user of NRC licensed materials for the specific use of cardiac imaging. It was the unanimous decision of the committee to name Dr. Christensen as an authorized use of TC- 99m products for cardiac imaging. The NRC will be so notified.

It is noted that a license amendment was submitted to the NJ DEPE to add Dr. Christensen on our license as a authorized user of Tl- 201 for cardiac Imaging. The NJ-DEPE approved her and a license amendment was issued.

7. I-125 prostate seed implants: A meeting is to be scheduled between the medical therapy physicist, Carrier (nuclear medicine) and Dan (radiation therapy) to review and finalize all I-125 implant procedures. The first safety lecture for OR is scheduled for Thursday, 24 September 1997.

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter/application dated

5/26/2006, and to inform you that the initial processing which includes an administrative review has been performed.

☒ Amendment 29-07470-03
There were no administrative omissions. Your application was assigned to a technical reviewer. Please note that the technical review may identify additional omissions or require additional information.

☐ Please provide to this office within 30 days of your receipt of this card

A copy of your action has been forwarded to our License Fee & Accounts Receivable Branch, who will contact you separately if there is a fee issue involved.

Your action has been assigned **Mail Control Number** 138963.
When calling to inquire about this action, please refer to this control number.
You may call us on (610) 337-5398, or 337-5260.