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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region I
Medical Inspection Section
Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards
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Attention: Mohamed M. Shanbaky, Chief

Dear Mr. Shanbaky:

re: Docket No. 030-00245
License No. 20-12009-03

This is in response to your letter of July 15, 1992 regarding violations identified in the recent inspection. The appropriate corrective actions have been taken as follows:

- Item A: To meet the requirements of 10 CFR 35.694 (a), the monthly output spot-checks on our teletherapy unit will include timer linearity and the accuracy of all distance measuring and localized devices.
- Item B: Between June 1991 and June 1992, there were five visiting Radiation Oncologists. They are Drs. Clair Beard, Paul Busse, Shelagh McCauly, Sidney Kadish and Thomas Robinson. They have been granted locum tenens privileges at our medical center according to the procedure provided in the Bylaws, Rules, Regulations and Procedures of Medical Staff. We are not able to submit any document that identifies any of these physicians as authorized users on a NRC or Agreement State license. The following steps have been taken to prevent recurrence of the non-compliance: In the future, the Radiation Safety Committee will issue authorizations to visiting Radiation Oncologists in accordance with the regulations listed in 10 CFR 35.25.
- Item C: In response to the requirements of training of workers, a commercially available video program which is approved by the Radiation Safety Officer

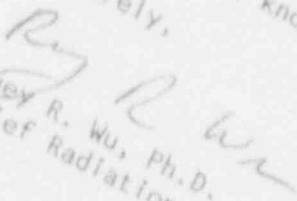
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will be displayed in the Radiation Oncology
Department. The personnel participating in this
program will include the regular staff, the
consultant physicist and the contract
technologists.

Please let us know if further information is needed.
Sincerely,


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