



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

November 18, 1992

The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton
United States House of
Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Norton:

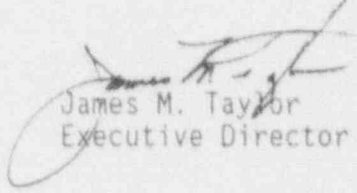
This letter is provided in response to your letter to Chairman Selin dated October 29, 1992, submitted on behalf of the Washington Hospital Center, requesting information as to the status of an amendment to add a high dose afterloading brachytherapy device to NRC License No: 08-03604-03.

This amendment request has already been acted upon and completed, and Amendment No. 23 authorizing the use of a high dose afterloading brachytherapy device (HDR) was issued to Washington Hospital Center on August 27, 1992.

A copy of this amendment and the cover letter are attached for your information. The principal reason for the delay in issuing this amendment was the need to resolve several complex technical and regulatory issues requiring evaluation by both regional and headquarters personnel. This important coordination increased the time required to process this materials license amendment request. Further, exchanges of correspondence between the licensee and NRC Region I were required, to obtain additional information.

We trust this response and the enclosed amendment and cover letter are helpful in clarifying and resolving this matter.

Sincerely,


James M. Taylor
Executive Director for Operations

Enclosure:
Cover letter dated August 27, 1992
Amendment No. 23 to
License No. 08-03604-03

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