

The Honorable Herb Kohl  
United States Senator  
14 West Mifflin Street  
Madison, WI 53703

October 1, 1996

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Dear Senator Kohl:

On September 10, 1996, the Region III office of the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) received a facsimile letter from you on behalf of Mile Bluff Medical Center (Hess Memorial Hospital) requesting expedited review of an application for a new radioactive materials license. Because this application was already being expedited in response to the needs of the Hospital, the NRC was on the verge of issuing the license when your letter was received. The license was issued on September 11, 1996.

As background, the Region III office of the NRC received Hess Memorial Hospital's new license application on July 22, 1996. The application was reviewed within a few days and was found to contain deficiencies regarding the proposed radiation safety program. The license reviewer contacted Hess Memorial Hospital's consultant, the designated contact person on the application, by telephone to discuss the identified deficiencies and to request additional information in order to complete the review and issue the license. Communications between the reviewer and the applicant's consultant continued during July and August of 1996, through correspondence and telephone conferences, to resolve the technical deficiencies in the application. The Hess Memorial Hospital NRC License Number 48-26745-01 was issued in approximately seven weeks from the date of receipt of the application.

Ms. Eve Galanter of your Madison Senate office was contacted on September 11, 1996, regarding the above and informed us that she would contact the licensee.

If you have any questions or require clarification on any of the information stated above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Original signed by  
Hugh L. Thompson, Jr.

for James M. Taylor  
Executive Director for Operations

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On September 10, 1996, the Region III office of the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) received a facsimile letter from you on behalf of Mile Bluff Medical Center (Hess Memorial Hospital) requesting expedited review of an application for a new radioactive materials license.

It is the NRC's policy to issue a new license within 90 days of receipt of a licensee's application. However, the NRC realized that Hess Memorial Hospital was located in a rural community and had an obligation to provide patients access to quality health care. Therefore, we expedited the processing and review of this application and issued the license to Hess Memorial Hospital on September 11, 1996.

The Region III office of the NRC received Hess Memorial Hospital's new license application on July 22, 1996. After administrative processing, it was assigned to a license reviewer on July 24, 1996. The application was reviewed within a few days and was found to contain deficiencies regarding the proposed radiation safety program. The license reviewer contacted Hess Memorial Hospital's consultant, the designated contact person on the application, by telephone to discuss the identified deficiencies and to request additional information in order to complete the review and issue the license. Communications between the reviewer and the applicant's consultant continued during July and August of 1996, through correspondence and telephone conferences, to resolve the technical deficiencies in the application. The Hess Memorial Hospital NRC License Number 48-26745-01 was issued in approximately seven weeks from the date of receipt of the application, and would have been issued sooner had all the radiation safety issues been addressed by the licensee.

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Sen. Herb Kohl

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Executive Director

DESC:

ROUTING:

ENCLOSES LETTER FROM STEVEN R. NOCKERTS, MILE  
BLUFF MEDICAL CENTER RE APPLICATION FOR MATERIAL  
LICENSE

Taylor  
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