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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region III
801 Warrenville Road
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Control No. 301624

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is a request for an expedited review of our application for a Material License. Mile Bluff Medical Center feels we have a compelling business-related reason for making this request.

We are a rural hospital making an effort to allow our patients access to all possible aspects of quality healthcare. In this effort, we have elected to provide in-house Nuclear Medicine services to our community on a daily basis, rather than 2-day a week services previously provided by an outside mobile service.

Presently, we are unable to provide any Nuclear Medicine services because we have not received our Material License and our previously used mobile service is committed to provide service to another hospital. We had informed our mobile service of our plans well in advance, and given them a tentative end-date based on our estimated license application process timetable. Our target date of September 3 has come and gone. The mobile service has made a business decision to provide services to a new client. We have a \$250,000 investment in nuclear medicine equipment and a full-time technologist ready to begin this service currently unable to do so. We are actually worse off than when we obtained services from the mobile vendor.

Alternatively, we currently find ourselves in a position of limiting the care and treatment of patients as well as suffering a significant expense related to this service with no corresponding review. As a rural facility, our operating margin is low; we cannot afford financially to support the situation.

Your attention to this request would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Steven R. Nockert
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9/17/96

Hi!

Region III is currently preparing the response to Senator Kohl for the EDO's signature. RIII completion date of 9/24/96. Should you have questions, please contact John Madera, Chief, Materials Licensing Branch, DNMS at 630/829-9834.


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