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Dear Mr. Kerr:

This is in response to your letter regarding the comments and suggestions made by Mr. Kendig and Mr. Bolling during their recent review of our radioactive materials licensing program.

We find the approach used by NRC in general and Mr. Kendig and Mr. Bolling in particular was most helpful. The suggestions made were responsible professional ones which we will, of course, attempt to incorporate into our program.

Although no specific response to the suggestions was requested, we are including this with the response to Mr. Ryan's letter by Mr. Dwight Metzler for clarity.

- 1) We have begun a review of the medical radioactive materials license application form to see if it can be developed to encourage more data from the applicant related to the qualification of the members of the Radiation Safety Committee.
- 2) We are also reviewing the problem of the small institutions where the RSO, user, and chairman of the committee may be the same person. Where possible, this situation is to be discouraged.
- 3) Telephone conversations are being recorded more diligently than in the past.
- 4) The inspectors have been reminded that exit interviews should be conducted with the highest member of management available as well as the user and RSO.

As you will note, these reflect the four items mentioned in your letter as matters which could enhance the current program.

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Mr. G. Wayne Kerr

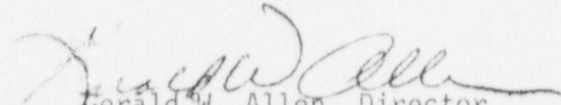
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Any additional suggestions or comments are, of course, welcome. Our experience has been that the suggestions made by NRC have been very useful to the state program.

Sincerely,

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