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Dear Ms. Baumgardner:

This letter is to thank you for your outstanding contribution to the NRC's Materials Inspection Program. You have provided members of my staff with valuable training in the installation, clinical use and loading of the gamma knife at your facility on June 9-10, 1999 and on January 19, 2000. This required significant efforts on your part. My staff has indicated the training provided was of excellent quality and professionally delivered. Your staff should be commended for these efforts which will significantly contribute to our knowledge of gamma knife operations and the safety issues which may arise from their use. Our application of this information to our inspection and licensing program will enhance public health and safety.

Thank you and we wish you well with your Gamma Knife program.

Sincerely,

Original signed by George Pangburn

George Pangburn, Director
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

cc:

Charles Fuller, Ph.D., Medical Physicist
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