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To: Richard McKinley NRC
Subject: Response to your questionnaire
From: Pam Low; director of Imaging
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a. Describe the control over the radiation safety program that will be delegated so that the consultant-RSO will be able to exercise authority over authorized users when confronted with radiation safety problems that require implementation of corrective actions.

Dr. Broga has the full support of the administration and the authorized user understand this and the need to implement any suggestions that Dr. Broga and/or the Radiation Safety Committee feel are necessary to correct any problems.

b. Describe the relationship that will exist between the consultant-RSO and your institutional management regarding expenditure of funds to facilitate the objectives of your radiation safety program and related regulatory requirements.

All suggestion brought forth by Dr. Broga regarding programmatic changes will be fully considered by the management based either on compliance or on a risk-benefit basis.

c. Identify other commitments of the consultant-RSO for other NRC or Agreement State licensed facilities, along with a description of how the consultant-RSO will allocate time to permit the performance of the duties of the RSO as described in the regulations. State the consultant-RSO's minimum amount of on-site time (hours per week).

We will designate one of our Authorized Users as Assistant RSO to provide immediate on-site coordination with Dr. Broga. Pam Low will be our administrative liaison with Dr. Broga. Dr. Broga will visit the facility quarterly and is available 24/7 for immediate consultation. Dr. Broga is RSO at VCU and RSO for the Virginia Blood Services license.

d. Appoint an in-house representative who will serve as the point of contact during the RSO's absence. This person may be allowed to assist the consultant RSO with limited authority.

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e. Describe the overall availability of the consultant-RSO to respond to questions or operational issues that arise during the conduct of your radiation safety program and related regulatory requirements. Specify the maximum amount of time it will take the RSO to arrive at the facility in the event of an emergency that requires his presence.

Dr. Broga is available 24/7 for consultation and can respond to the facility within 1 hour on an average day.

If you need any more information please call me at 434-348-4825 or Fax at 434-348-4945 or email pam_low@chs.net.

Thanks,
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