Subscribers,

The following information is forwarded for your IMMEDIATE ATTENTION!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

This to inform you that on Monday, October 23, 2000 at 3:00 p.m., the Commission held an Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) on Final Rule 10 CFR Part 35, "Medical Use of Byproduct Material" and 10 CFR Part 20, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation."

The Commission approved a final rule which revises 10 CFR Part 35 to make it more risk-informed and performance-based, and to codify requirements for certain therapeutic devices. Also, 10 CFR Part 20 is being revised in response to a Petition for Rulemaking from the University of Cincinnati to allow a licensee the discretion to permit visitors to a hospitalized radiation patient to receive up to 5 millisievert (0.5 rem) in a year from exposure to the hospitalized radiation patient.

The complete Staff Requirements Memorandum (Instructions to the staff) can be found at the following URL:

http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/COMMISSION/TRANSCRIPTS/MEETSRMS/m20001023.html

A revised version of the rule text, based on the Staff Requirements Memorandum, is expected in late February, 2001.

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