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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

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**Memorandum of Understanding Between the Food and Drug Administration and
States of Illinois**

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

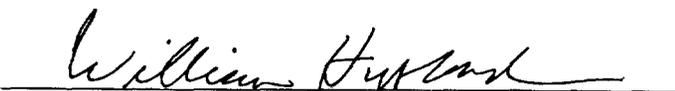
SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is providing notice of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between FDA and the State of Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety. The purpose of the MOU is to authorize the State to implement a State certification program under the Mammography Quality Standards Act.

DATES: The agreement became effective August 3, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lireka P. Joseph, Center for Devices and Radiological Health (HFZ-200), Food and Drug Administration, 2094 Gaither Rd., Gaithersburg, MD 20850, 301-443-2845.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 21 CFR 20.108(c), which states that all written agreements and MOU's between FDA and others shall be published in the **Federal Register**, the agency is publishing notice of this MOU.

Dated: August 2, 1999



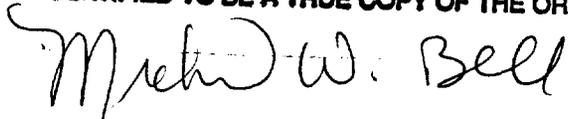
William K. Hubbard
Senior Associate Commissioner
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Legislation

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**BETWEEN THE****STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF NUCLEAR SAFETY****AND****U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
CENTER FOR DEVICES AND RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH
OFFICE OF HEALTH AND INDUSTRY PROGRAMS****I. PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to authorize the State of Illinois, through the Department of Nuclear Safety (Department), to implement a State certification program in Illinois under the Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA). The MOU will authorize the Department to implement MQSA certification standards as approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and to issue certificates to mammography facilities to ensure safe, reliable, and accurate mammography in Illinois. FDA recognizes that the Radiation Protection Act of 1990 and Department emergency/proposed rules, to be filed and effective upon execution of this MOU, meet the requirements of the MQSA for approval by FDA of a State certification program in Illinois.

II. BACKGROUND:

The MQSA (Pub. L. 102-539) was enacted on October 27, 1992, to establish national quality standards for mammography. Pursuant to MQSA, the authority to approve accreditation bodies and to certify facilities was delegated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (Secretary) to the FDA.

Subsection (q) of the MQSA authorized the Secretary to authorize State programs to carry out certain MQSA certification program requirements. Section 24.5 of the Radiation Protection Act of 1990 authorizes the Department to enter agreements and promulgate rules as necessary to implement such a State program in Illinois.

FDA has developed a States as Certifiers Demonstration Project (Project) to allow a limited trial of State Programs under Subsection (q) of the Act. The State of Illinois has applied and been approved by the FDA to participate in the Project. The Project is for one year, but may be renewed by mutual agreement. FDA anticipates that the Demonstration Project will lead to a national States as Certifiers program which will be

open to all states that apply and are approved by FDA.

III. AUTHORITY:

FDA has been delegated authority by the Secretary to authorize, under Subsection (q) of the MQSA, State MQSA certification programs. Pursuant to Section 24.5 of the Radiation Protection Act of 1990, the Department is authorized to enter into agreements to carry out the State Certification program requirements provided for in the MQSA.

IV. TERMS:

1. FDA, under the Project, hereby authorizes the State of Illinois, through the Department, to implement a program to carry out the certification requirements of subsections (b), (c), (d), (g)(1), (h), (i), and (j) of the MQSA (including the requirements under regulations promulgated pursuant to such subsections). The Department shall implement the program in accordance with its application dated February 9, 1998 and its response to the FDA review letter of April 7, 1998, submitted with the Department's letter of April 20, 1998.
2. FDA shall continue to carry out subsections (e) and (f), may take action under subsections (h), (i), and (j), and shall conduct oversight functions under subsections (g)(2) and (g)(3) of the MQSA.
3. The State of Illinois will provide the FDA with the results of all MQSA inspections conducted by the State during the Project. Based on this information, the FDA will bill and charge each inspected mammography facility a fee of \$509 to cover the FDA's costs for the annual inspection. This fee may be subject to change.
4. Under the MQSA, all certified mammography facilities except governmental entities are subject to the payment of inspection fees. During the period of time the State of Illinois is participating in the Project, facilities that qualify as government entities will not be required to pay the FDA inspection fee but will be required to recertify their government entity status using the form provided when billed by FDA.

During the period of time Illinois is participating in the Project, the Department will directly bill and charge all facilities certified by the Department to perform mammography under MQSA an annual certification fee of \$750.

V. NAME AND ADDRESSES OF PARTICIPATING AGENCIES:

FDA:	State of Illinois
Office of Health and Industry Programs 1350 Piccard Drive Rockville, MD 20850	Department of Nuclear Safety 1035 Outer Park Drive Springfield, IL 62704

VI. LIAISON OFFICERS:

For matters and notices related to this MOU, the contact person for FDA is:

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The contact person for the Department is:

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Either party may, from time to time, designate in writing different contact persons or addresses.

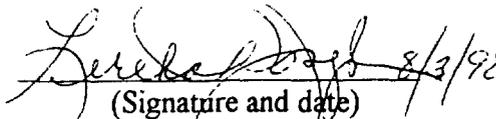
VII. PERIOD OF AGREEMENT:

After acceptance by both parties, this MOU will become effective on the effective date of 32 Illinois Administrative Code 370 (Quality Standards and Certification Requirements for Facilities Performing Mammography) and continue until the completion of the Project or upon termination in writing by either party with a 30-day prior notice (such notice shall be sent to the addresses listed in Section VI). This MOU may be modified by mutual written consent at any time.

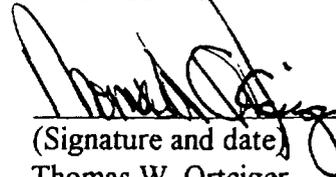
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NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto mutually agree to the terms and conditions set forth above.

FDA:


(Signature and date) 8/3/98
Lireka P. Joseph, Dr.P.H.
Director
Office of Health and Industry Programs
Center for Devices and Radiological Health
Food and Drug Administration

State of Illinois:


(Signature and date) 8/3/98
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Director
Department of Nuclear Safety
State of Illinois