



June 24, 2024

Dear Agent William Johnson,

Thank you for your emailed response on June 17th regarding our enquiry about the five allegations that Simon Davies and Mary Ajango submitted to the NRC Inspector General on October 23, 2023. A copy of the October 2023 complaint can be downloaded at <https://bit.ly/OIGComplaint>.

We were pleased to see the Special Inquiry (SI) report published in March regarding part of our allegation #2 concerning conflicts of interest. Your report concluded that conflicted ACMUI members should have recused themselves from discussion of the extravasation topic with the NRC. We remain concerned that your “watch and see” suggestion regarding this conflict of interest ignores our assertion that the NRC is not critically assessing ACMUI information. Nevertheless, July 1 is the deadline for responding to you. Will you be able to share that with us and your response to it? The SI report only addresses a small part of a much larger failure by NRC management to appropriately address a patient safety matter. Delay continues to put patients in harm’s way.

With respect to your comment about the remaining allegations you stated that they may be referred to the NRC for them to address. Our allegations describe systemic mismanagement across all levels at the NRC regarding extravasations and NRC’s failure to protect patients. If you make that decision, can you be sure that asking the NRC staff to investigate themselves will not result in a further conflict of interest that undermines the credibility and effectiveness of any internal review? Will there be a requirement for them to provide a report to you of their response to the allegations? Will that mean that we will have to go back to NRC for redress of our allegations and if dissatisfied, refer once more to the OIG?

We are sorry to bombard you with questions but that is why we hoped to have a conversation with you, so that we can fully understand the process and how we should engage with it. It is nearly six months since we requested an investigation and yet, the majority of our allegations remain unattended to with no certainty that they will be addressed. During this delay, we estimate that over 200,000 US patients have experienced a large extravasation that should have been reported to the NRC as a medical event.

This is our second official request that the NRC Inspector General thoroughly investigate all allegations in a timely manner to ensure comprehensive oversight and accountability. Holding these allegations for over six months and then suggesting limiting the investigation to only one of the five allegations neglects the broader pattern of behavior and systemic issues within the NRC. It also ensures that over a thousand patients every day continue to receive large accidental doses of radiation.

Once again, we respectfully request the OIG open an expedited investigation into the mismanagement of the extravasation topic. Such action is crucial to maintain public trust and ensure patient safety.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

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