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Ralph Robson, Inspector
Occupat Environment Branch
Ministry of Labour
4946 Canada Way
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Dear Mr. Robson:

The School of Nursing at UBC have installed a video display station. Some of the staff are now being trained to use the equipment and in fact four of them have spoken to me about concerns they have. The VDT in the department is a used one and there have been reports concerning the machine that are not reassuring, ie. there were problems with the machine and the people having the machine prior to Nursing got rid of it for that reason. The machine is in a small room with no windows.

Could you please check out Nursing and in particular the lighting in the room where the VDT is; is the room large enough, is there any radiation leakage.

I would also appreciate information from you as to whether there is any regulation with respect to how often these type of machines should be serviced. Also, we would like the School to install a screen on the front of the machine, are there any regulations with respect to this? I remember at one time you advised me that regulations with respect to VDT's were being drafted, how far along are these?

Thank you for checking out this location for us. The School of Nursing is located in the Acute Care Hospital, 3rd Floor, 2211 Westbrook Mall and the room in question is immediately adjacent to the reception area for Nursing.

Yours truly,

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