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Docket No. 03002452

License No. 29-02641-03

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**SUBJECT: INSPECTION 03002452/2005001, HACKENSACK MEDICAL CENTER,
HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY, AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

Dear Ms. Corcoran:

On March 16, 2005, Michelle Beardsley and Michelle Simmons of this office conducted a safety inspection at the above address of activities authorized by the above listed NRC license. The inspection was an examination of your licensed activities as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's regulations and the license conditions. The inspection consisted of observations by the inspector, interviews with personnel, and a selected examination of representative records. The findings of the inspection were discussed with you and members of your organization at the conclusion of the inspection.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements. A Notice of Violation is enclosed that categorizes the violation by severity level in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," (Enforcement Policy), NUREG 1600. You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

Current NRC regulations and guidance are available at the NRC Web sites listed below or by contacting the Government Printing Office (GPO) toll-free at 1-888-293-6498. The GPO is open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays).

N. Corcoran
Hackensack Medical Center

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Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Pamela J. Henderson

Pamela J. Henderson, Chief
Medical Branch
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

Enclosure:
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NRC Web site addresses
NRC regulations

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/cfr/>

Licensing guidance

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1556/>

General Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions

<Http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/regulatory/enforcement/enforc-pol.pdf>

206 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974

<http://www.nrc.gov/who-we-are/governing-laws.html>

cc:
Eric Weiss, Radiation Safety Officer
State of New Jersey

N. Corcoran
Hackensack Medical Center

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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

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Hackensack, NJ

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During an NRC inspection conducted on March 16, 2005, one violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," (Enforcement Policy), NUREG-1600, the violation is listed below:

10 CFR 20.1301(a)(2) requires, in part, that each licensee conduct operations so that the dose in any unrestricted area from external sources does not exceed 2 millirem in any one hour.

Contrary to the above, the licensee did not conduct operations so that the dose in an unrestricted area from external sources did not exceed 2 millirem in any one hour. Specifically, on April 12, 2004, July 6, 2004, November 29, 2004 and December 13, 2004, licensee operations resulted in doses greater than 2 millirem in one hour at the doorway to the room, an unrestricted area, used to house patients who had been administered I-131 for treatment of thyroid carcinoma.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement VI).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Hackensack Medical Center is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555, with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region I, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a Demand for Information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

If you contest this enforcement action, you should also provide a copy of your response to the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Under the authority of Section 182 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 2232, any response which contests an enforcement action shall be submitted under oath or affirmation.

Your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) and on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.html>. To the extent possible, it should, therefore, not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be made publically available without redaction. However, if you find it necessary to include such information, you should clearly indicate the specific information that you desire not to be placed in the PDR, and provide the legal basis to support your request for withholding the information from the public.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 19.11, you may be required to post this Notice within two working days.

Dated This 19th day of April 2005