

May 23, 2006

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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 030-31647/06-001 - MIDWEST HEALTH SYSTEM

Dear Dr. Saffer:

This refers to the inspection conducted on April 27, 2006, at your Dearborn, Michigan facility to assess your progress in returning your nuclear medicine program to full operation. This inspection was a follow-up to your December 16, 2005, letter where you stated that your nuclear medicine program would be in full operation by April 1, 2006. Your December 16, 2005, letter was in response to a violation cited in a Notice of Violation issued on December 1, 2005. The violation was against 10 CFR 30.36 (d) (3), failure to notify the NRC within 60 days in writing when no principal activities under the license have been conducted for a period of 24 months.

The April 27, 2006, inspection occurred prior to our receipt of your letter, dated April 6, 2006, where you stated that unforeseen events had occurred which prevented you from meeting your commitment date to return your licensed program to full operation. Your letter also stated that you had contacted Darrel Wiedeman of my staff and he granted you a 90 day extension to the date that your nuclear medicine program was expected to be in full operation.

During a phone conversation on May 4, 2006, we discussed the circumstances which contributed to the delay in your nuclear medicine program returning to full operation and I concluded that an extension of time was appropriate. From our conversation I understood that your nuclear medicine program would return to full operation no later than July 31, 2006. Please contact me at (630) 829-9834 if my understanding of the above facts are incorrect or if your nuclear medicine program will not return to full operation by July 31, 2006.

M. Saffer, MD

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Sincerely,

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