Docket No. 30-1317

Department of the Army Walter Reed Army Medical Center ATTN: General Robert Bernstein Commander Washington, DC 20012

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 30-1317/77-01

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. E. Epstein of this office on July 14, 1977, of activities authorized by NRC License No. 08-01738-02 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Epstein with General G. Baker and LTC B. Adcock of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and the conditions of your license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, measurements made by the inspector, and observations by the inspector.

Our inspector also verified the steps you had taken to correct the items of noncompliance brought to your attention in a letter following our previous inspection. We have no further questions regarding your action at this time.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that one of your activities was not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. This item of noncompliance has been categorized into the levels as described in our correspondence to you dated December 31, 1974. This notice is sent to you pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice", Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Section 2.201 requires you to submit to this office, within twenty (20) days of your receipt of this notice, a written statement or explanation in reply including: (1) corrective steps which have been taken by you and the results achieved; (2) corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further items of noncompliance; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved.

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In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice", Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and your reply will be placed in the Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely.

Robert O. McClintock, Chief Materials Radiological Protection Section

Enclosure: Appendix A, Notice of Violation

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APPENDIX A

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Department of the Army Walter Reed Army Medical Center Washington, D. C. 20012 License No. 08-01738-02

Based on the results of an NRC inspection conducted on July 14, 1977, it appears that certain of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC regulations and the conditions of your license as indicated below:

A. 10 CFR 20.201(b) requires that you make such surveys as may be necessary for you to comply with all sections of Part 20. As defined in 10 CFR 20.201(a), "surveys" means an evaluation of the radiation hazards incident to the production, use, release, disposal or presence of radioactive materials or other sources of radiation under a specific set of conditions.

Contrary to this requirement, you failed to make such surveys as were necessary to assure compliance with 10 CFR 20.106, "Radio-activity in effluents to unrestricted areas." Specifically, you failed to evaluate the concentrations of radioactive material in effluents released to unrestricted areas during the year preceeding the day of the inspection, July 14, 1977.

This is an infraction.

B. Condition 23 of your license requires that licensed material be possessed and used in accordance with statements, representations, and procedures contained in application dated June 18, 1974 and certain referenced letters. Included in this application is your document "WRAMC Regulation 40-10 - Health Physics Regulations."

Contrary to the requirements of this document (Items 1 and 2, page B-3), on the day of the inspection, July 14, 1977, food and drink were permitted in Lab. No. 3063 and evidence of smoking was observed in Lab. No. 3044, areas in which radioisotopes are stored and used.

This is an infraction.

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