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November 28, 2008

E. Lynn McGuire, Director
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Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
2200 Fort Roots Drive
Little Rock, AR 72114

**SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 030-34325/08-01(DNMS) (FORM 591M PART 1) -
MEDICAL CENTER, CASTLE POINT, NEW YORK**

Dear Mr. McGuire:

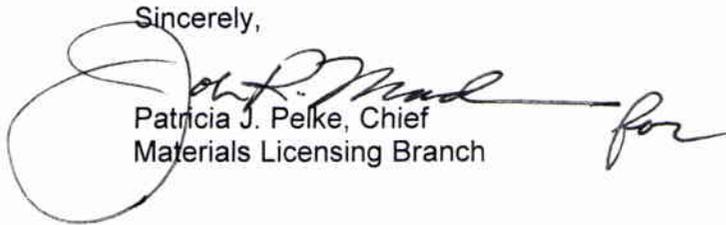
This refers to the inspection conducted on November 14, 2008, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Medical Center, Castle Point, New York. The inspection was limited to a review of activities authorized under Permit No. 31-11399-01. The inspector conducted an exit briefing with the staff at the Medical Center at the completion of the inspection.

Within the program areas reviewed during this inspection, the inspector did not identify any violations of NRC requirements. Therefore, you are not required to respond to this letter.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be available electronically in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). The NRC's document system is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,


Patricia J. Pelke, Chief
Materials Licensing Branch

Docket No. 030-34325
License No. 03-23853-01VA
Permit No. 31-11399-01

Enclosure:
Inspection Report 030-34325/08-01(DNMS) (Form 591M Part 1)

SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT AND COMPLIANCE INSPECTION



1. LICENSEE/LOCATION INSPECTED: VA Hudson Valley Health Care System Castle Point Campus Route 9D Castle Point, NY 12511 REPORT Nos 2008001	2. NRC/REGIONAL OFFICE U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region I, 475 Allendale Road King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406-1415
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3. DOCKET NUMBER(S) 030-34-325	4. LICENSE NUMBER(S) 03-23853-01VA	5. DATE(S) OF INSPECTION 11/4/2008
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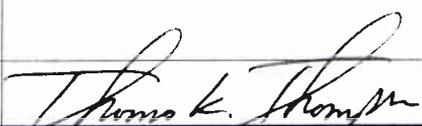
LICENSEE:

The inspection was an examination of the activities conducted under your license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) rules and regulations and the conditions of your license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector. The inspection findings are as follows:

- 1. Based on the inspection findings, no violations were identified.
- 2. Previous violation(s) closed.
- 3. The violation(s), specifically described to you by the inspector as non-cited violations, are not being cited because they were self-identified, non-repetitive, and corrective action was or is being taken, and the remaining criteria in the NRC Enforcement Policy, NUREG-1600, to exercise discretion, were satisfied.
- Non-Cited Violation(s) was/were discussed involving the following requirement(s) and Corrective Action(s):
- 4. During this inspection certain of your activities, as described below and/or attached, were in violation of NRC requirements and are being cited. This form is a NOTICE OF VIOLATION, which may be subject to posting in accordance with 10 CFR 19.11.

Licensee's Statement of Corrective Actions for Item 4, above.

I hereby state that, within 30 days, the actions described by me to the inspector will be taken to correct the violations identified. This statement of corrective actions is made in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.201 (corrective steps already taken, corrective steps which will be taken, date when full compliance will be achieved). I understand that no further written response to NRC will be required, unless specifically requested.

Title	Printed Name	Signature	Date
LICENSEE'S REPRESENTATIVE			
NRC INSPECTOR	Thomas K. Thompson		11/13/2008

Initial	Announced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unannounced	Routine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special
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NRC FORM 591M PART 3
(10-2003) 10 CFR 2.201

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Docket File Information
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6. INSPECTION PROCEDURES USED 87130	7. INSPECTION FOCUS AREAS 03.01-03.08	8. INSPECTOR TKThompson

SUPPLEMENTAL INSPECTION INFORMATION

1. PROGRAM CODE(S) 2121	2. PRIORITY 5	3. LICENSEE CONTACT Michael Howard, Imaging Program Manager	4. TELEPHONE NUMBER 845 831-2000 ext 5175
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Main Office Inspection Next Inspection Date: _____

Field Office _____

Temporary Job Site Inspection _____

PROGRAM SCOPE

The licensee's program consists of one full time technologist and one part time. Approximately 3 cardiolute stress tests are done per day and occasional other random administrations of Tc-99m pharmaceuticals in unit doses for bone, liver and renal scans. The licensee uses the services of an outside consultant for quarterly audits. Licensee was previously cited by the NHPP for moving an area of use without appropriate notifications. No facility moves have occurred since that inspection.

There was some confusion in waste handling procedures as described by the nuclear technologist. The technologist indicated house keeping could come into the hot laboratory to remove waste but management explained that house keeping did not have key access and therefore could not enter the restricted area. This confusion may have been related to the technologist himself permitting house keeping to enter the restricted area to pick up waste under his supervision. No specific violation was identified but the inspector reviewed with the technologist and management what was expected with regard to access to restricted areas.

SUNSI Review Completed By: / RA / TKThompson

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