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Date: **JAN 27 2009**
From: Director, VHA National Health Physics Program (115HP/NLR)
Subj: Response to VHA National Health Physics Program Inspection Report 642-08-I02
To: Director (642/00), VA Medical Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

1. We evaluated your December 29, 2008, response to subject inspection report and approve the request to rescind the response dated November 21, 2008. We determined this revised response is adequate to close the Notice of Violation.
2. We will examine implementation of your corrective actions during future inspections.
3. Based on discussions with you during January 20-21, 2009, we reemphasize the requirement for a review of findings and root causes in our inspection report and your Administrative Board of Investigation to determine further corrective actions for all other uses of radioactive materials under the radioactive materials permit.
4. The areas of the review must include, but not be limited to, executive management oversight, focus to a safety culture, avoiding undue reliance on affiliate universities or consultants, and training.
5. If you have any questions, please contact Paul L. Yurko, VHA National Health Physics Program, at 410-642-2411, extension 6288.


E. Lynn McGuire

cc: Chair, VHA National Radiation Safety Committee
Network Director, VISN 4 (10N04)