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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 03001249/2010001, BRISTOL HOSPITAL,
INC., BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT

Dear Mr. Barwis:

On May 7, 2010 and September 15, 2010, Lester Tripp of this office conducted a safety inspection at Bristol Hospital, Inc (Bristol Hospital) in Bristol, Connecticut. 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 also involved a review of two medical events that were reported by Bristol Hospital on June 2, 2010 to the NRC Operations Center. A medical consultant was retained by the NRC to assist in the review of the two medical events. The inspection consisted of observations by the inspector, interviews with Bristol Hospital personnel, and a review of documents. Additional information you provided in a facsimile received on June 25, 2010 and correspondence dated December 9, 2010 was also reviewed. The results of the inspection and the medical consultant's review were discussed with Dr. Banco, Chief Medical Officer, and other members of your organization at the conclusion of the inspection on January 10, 2011, and are described in the enclosed report.

Based on the results of this inspection, three apparent violations of NRC requirements were identified. The first apparent violation involves Bristol Hospital not implementing procedures to provide high confidence that each administration was in accordance with the written directive, as required by 10 CFR 35.41(a)(2). Specifically, Bristol Hospital's written procedures require that seed loading be checked prior to prostate brachytherapy treatment. The seed loading was not verified prior to treatments performed on January 12, 2010. The second apparent violation involves Bristol Hospital not notifying the NRC Operations Center no later than the next calendar day after the discovery of two medical events on March 1, 2010, as required by 10 CFR 35.3045(c). The third apparent violation involves Bristol Hospital not submitting a written report within 15 days after discovery of a medical event, as required by 10 CFR 35.3045(d).

Because the NRC has not made a final determination in this matter with respect to the apparent violations, a Notice of Violation is not being issued at this time. You will be advised by separate correspondence of the results of our deliberations.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice", a copy of this letter, its enclosure and your response, if you choose to provide one, will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC document system

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No reply to this letter is required. Please contact Lester Tripp at (610) 337-5358 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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