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**SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 03001786/2011002, 03008478/2011003,
AND 03017872/2011002, NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, BETHESDA,
ROCKVILLE, AND BALTIMORE, MARYLAND SITES AND NOTICE OF
VIOLATION**

Dear Dr. Gottesman:

On April 4-8, 2011, Penny Lanzisera, John Nicholson, Shawn Seeley, Tara Weidner, Farrah Gaskins, and Dennis Lawyer of this office conducted a safety and security inspection of activities authorized at your facilities by the above listed licenses. Additional information provided in the telephone conversation on April 15, 2011, between Ms. Catherine Ribaudo of your organization and this office was also examined as part of the inspection. The findings of the inspection were discussed with Alfred Johnson, Director of the Office of Research Services, and other members of your organization at the conclusion of the inspection on April 8, 2011. The enclosed report presents the results of this inspection.

Based on the results of this inspection and in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy, the NRC has determined that your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements and are detailed and categorized by severity level in the enclosed Notice of Violation (NOV). An NOV is being issued because your organization did not identify the non-compliance. The NRC has concluded that information regarding the reason for the non-compliance and the corrective actions taken and planned to prevent recurrence is already adequately addressed on the docket.

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Please contact Penny Lanzisera at 610-337-5169 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Marc Ferdas

Marc Ferdas, Chief
Medical Branch
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cc:

Nancy E. Newman, Radiation Safety Officer
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