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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 03009858/2011001, ASHFORD
PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO SITE

Dear Mr. González:

On May 3, 2011, your staff reported a high badge reading to one of your employee's badges; followed by a written report of the badge reading on May 23, 2011. As a result, a special in-office inspection was opened to review the circumstances of the high badge reading. On June 1, 2011, a telephone conference with your staff and your dosimetry provider's staff was conducted by Penny Lanzisera of this office to request additional information. This information was provided on June 10, June 30, July 11, and August 3, 2011. Our in-office review continued through September 2, 2011. The findings of the inspection were discussed with Dr. Carlos Jimenez, Chair, Nuclear Medicine and Radiation Safety Committee, on September 12, 2011.

Within the scope of this inspection, no violations were identified. Based on the data submitted by both your facility and your dosimetry provider, the NRC concluded that the badge was likely either contaminated with a low energy gamma emitter (e.g., technetium-99m) or dropped in the direct beam of the CT scanner during a scan. Since no spills were documented by your facility during the exposure period, it appears unlikely that the individual received the recorded exposure. Therefore, the NRC concurs with your plans to replace the February badge reading with an average monthly badge reading, thus allowing the individual to resume work with licensed material. We appreciate your patience during review of this issue.

Current NRC regulations and guidance are included on the NRC's website at www.nrc.gov; select **Nuclear Materials; Med, Ind, & Academic Uses**; then **Regulations, Guidance and Communications**. The current Enforcement Policy is included on the NRC's website at www.nrc.gov; select **About NRC, Organizations & Functions; Office of Enforcement; Enforcement documents**; then **Enforcement Policy (Under 'Related Information')**. You may also obtain these documents by contacting the Government Printing Office (GPO) toll-free at 1-866-512-1800. The GPO is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays).

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No reply to this letter is required. Please contact Penny Lanzisera at 610-337-5169 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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