



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION I
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KING OF PRUSSIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19406

Docket Nos. 30-00454
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Albert Einstein Medical Center
ATTN: Mr. D. Schmaress
Vice President & General Director
York and Tabor Roads
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19141

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 79-01

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. J. Davis and Mr. B. O'Neill of this office on February 15 and 16, 1979 at both the Northern and Southern Divisions of activities authorized by NRC License Nos. 37-00448-06; 37-00448-17; 37-00448-19; 37-00448-20; SNM-1771; and SUB-982 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Davis with Ms. L. Albin and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection, and to a subsequent telephone discussion between Mr. B. O'Neill of this office and Mr. M. Nunno of your staff on March 2, 1979.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your licenses as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and the conditions of your licenses. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, measurements made by the inspector, and observations by the inspector.

With respect to License No. 37-00448-06, the inspection was limited to discussions concerning your plans for the future use of your teletherapy source which is presently not in use. From these discussions, it is our understanding that you do not plan to use these teletherapy sources and you are planning to dispose of the source by transferring it to an authorized recipient. We will review this matter during the next inspection of your licensed program.

Our inspector also verified the steps you have taken to correct the item of noncompliance brought to your attention in a letter dated September 1, 1977. We have no further questions regarding your action at this time.

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In addition, our inspector examined those activities conducted under your license relating to the subject covered in your letter to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region I, Office of Inspection and Enforcement dated January 30, 1979. We have no further questions regarding this matter.

Our inspector also took smear samples in your storage areas which were analyzed in our Regional Office Laboratory in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. The basic purpose of these independent measurements is to verify your capability for analyzing removable contaminations in your preparation and storage areas. The results of our analyses were in agreement with your results and indicated levels were below minimum detectable activities.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that certain of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. These items of noncompliance have been categorized into the levels as described in our correspondence to you dated December 31, 1974. This notice is sent to you pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Section 2.201 requires you to submit to this office, within twenty (20) days of your receipt of this notice, a written statement or explanation in reply including: (1) corrective steps which have been taken by you and the results achieved; (2) corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further items of noncompliance; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved.

From the March 2, 1979 telephone conversation, it is our understanding that personnel from the Radiation Safety Office will conduct periodic audits of every authorized user of licensed materials to assure compliance with the NRC's regulations and the conditions of your license. In your reply to this letter, please confirm this commitment and describe any other action taken or planned to improve your radiation safety program.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and your reply will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



George H. Smith, Chief
Fuel Facility and Materials Safety
Branch

Enclosure: Appendix A, Notice of Violation

cc w/encl:

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Mr. Alan Baker, RSO (Northern Division)

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