UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION I
631 PARK AVENUE
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Docket Nos. 30-1243
70-1710

MAR 19 1979

St. Mary's Hospital
ATTN: Sister Margarite Waite
Associate Administrator
56 Franklin Street
Waterbury, Connecticut 06702

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 79-01

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. P. Jerman of this office on February 15, 1979, of activities authorized by NRC License Nos. 06-00679-01 and SNM-1481 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Jerman with yourself and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection, and to a subsequent telephone discussion between Mr. Jerman and yourself 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.

Our inspector also verified the steps you have taken to correct the item of noncompliance brought to your attention in the enclosure of our letter following the previous inspection. We have no further questions regarding your action at this time.

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.

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Another activity appears to be in conflict with accepted radiological safety practices, as documented in Report No. 30 of the National Committee on Radiation Protection (National Bureau of Standards Handbook 92, Section 3.4, page 18). In this regard, you permitted drink to be stored in the same area where radioactive materials were used. Specifically, as of February 15, 1979, coffee was brewed in your Nuclear Medicine scanning room where radiopharmaceuticals were administed to patients. Please include in your response, your comments concerning this deviation.

From the telephone discussion between myself and Mr. Meagher of your staff on March 6, 1979, it is our understanding that your hospital will maintain records of follow-up on patients who have received nuclear pacemakers. We will review this matter during the next inspection of your licensed 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.

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

Sincerely,

Robert O. McClintock

Robert O. McClintock, Chief
Materials Radiological Protection
Section

Enclosure: Appendix A, Notice of Violation