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Veterans Administration Medical Center
ATTN: James Farsetta, Director
800 Poly Place
Brooklyn, New York 11209

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection No. 89-001

This letter refers to the routine inspection of the activities authorized under the above listed NRC licenses conducted by Mr. John M. Pelchat on July 19 and 21, 1989 at your facility and continued in our office on August 21, 1989 to review the additional documentation which you submitted for NRC review. Discussions of our preliminary findings were held by Mr. Pelchat with you and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection. This also refers to the subsequent discussion between you and Dr. Lee Bettenhausen of this office on September 22, 1989.

Areas examined in this inspection are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations and measurements by the inspector.

As discussed during the telephone conversation between you and Dr. Bettenhausen, the apparent violations identified during this inspection will be discussed at an Enforcement Conference at our office in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania at 10:30 a.m. on October 6, 1989. We understand that you and appropriate members of your staff will attend this meeting. The purposes of this conference are to discuss the apparent violations, their cause(s) and safety significance; to provide you the opportunity to point out any errors in our inspection report; to provide an opportunity for you to present your completed and proposed corrective actions; and to discuss any other information that will help us determine appropriate enforcement actions. Appropriate action for these apparent violations will be considered by the NRC following the Conference. The NRC Enforcement Policy is described in Appendix C of 10 CFR Part 2, a copy of which is enclosed for your information.

Directions to the NRC Region I office are also enclosed.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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No reply to this letter is required. Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
James H. Joyner

Malcolm R. Knapp, Director
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosures:

1. Combined Inspection Report No. 030-02623/89-001, 030-11791/89-001, 070-03042/89-001
2. 10 CFR 2
3. Directions to NRC Region I office.

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