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In Reply Refer To:
License: 15-15618-01
Docket: 30-09472/89-01

Veterans Administration Medical Center
ATTN: Jerry Mayhall, Director
901 George Washington Boulevard
Wichita, Kansas 67211

Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine, unannounced radiation safety inspection conducted by Mr. Wesley L. Holley of this office on August 29, 1989, of the activities authorized by NRC Byproduct Material License 15-15618-01, and to the discussion of our findings held by the inspector with members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

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

During this inspection, certain of your activities were found not to be conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements. Consequently, you are required to respond to this matter in writing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Your response should be based on the specifics contained in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter.

The inspector also reviewed the actions you had taken with respect to the violations observed during our previous inspection conducted on June 8, 1987. He verified that the corrective actions for these violations had been implemented as stated in your reply dated July 29, 1987.

The response directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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10/12/89

AD:DRSS
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Should you have any questions concerning this letter, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
LAWRENCE A. YANDELL

for
A. Bill Beach, Director
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosure:
Appendix - Notice of Violation

bcc:
DMB - Original (IE-07)
RDMartin
ABBeach
LAYandell
LShea, RM/ALF (AR-2015)
*CLCain
*RJEverett
*WLHolley
*NMIS
*MIS System
*RIV Files (2)
*RSTS Operator

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APPENDIX
NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Veterans Administration Medical Center
Wichita, Kansas

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During an NRC inspection conducted on August 29, 1989, violations of NRC requirements were identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1989) (Enforcement Policy), the violations are listed below:

1. 10 CFR 35.22(b)(6) requires that an annual review of the radiation safety program be performed by the Radiation Safety Committee with the assistance of the Radiation Safety Officer.

Contrary to the above, the inspector determined on August 29, 1989, that an annual review of the radiation safety program had not been performed for the period June 8, 1987, to August 29, 1989.

This is a Severity Level IV violation. (Supplement VI)

2. 10 CFR 35.51(a) requires, in part, that licensees calibrate the survey instruments used to show compliance with regulatory requirements annually and following repair.

Contrary to the above, as of August 29, 1989, the survey instrument, Technical Associates, Model TBM-3, SN 076126, used in the blood laboratory had not been calibrated since July 23, 1986.

This is a Severity Level IV violation. (Supplement VI)

3. 10 CFR 35.92(b) requires that records of disposal of byproduct material held for decay-in-storage be retained for 3 years and include the date of the disposal, the date on which the byproduct material was placed in storage, the radionuclides disposed, the survey instrument used, the background dose rate, the dose rate measured at the surface of each waste container, and the name of the individual who performed the disposal.

Contrary to the above, as of August 29, 1989, the records of disposal of byproduct material held for decay-in-storage did not include the survey instrument used, the background dose rate, and the dose rate measured at the surface of each waste container.

This is a Severity Level V violation. (Supplement VI)

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Veterans Administration Medical Center is hereby required to submit to this office, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice, a written statement or explanation in

reply, including for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation if admitted, (2) the corrective steps which have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Dated at Arlington, Texas,
this 16th day of October 1989