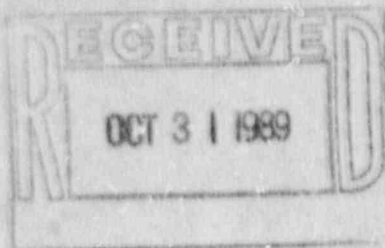




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October 20, 1989



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THRU: Director, Nuclear Medicine Service (115)  
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SUBJECT: Response to Violation From the Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Inspection Conducted Aug 29, 1989, License No. 15-15618-01,  
Docket No. 30-09472/89-01

Dear Mr. Beach:

The Nuclear Medicine Service and all other areas under the jurisdiction of the Radiation Safety Committee have made every effort to abide by the guidelines published by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. However, it seems that some areas were still not in compliance. Explanations of the corrective measures taken on the three (3) noted violations and future actions are as follows:

1. Reference 10 CFR 35.22(b)6). To assure that all functions were in compliance with the published guidelines of the NRC, an inspection of all areas under the jurisdiction of the Radiation Safety Committee was scheduled for Aug 29, 1989. This inspection however, had to be cancelled due to the unannounced inspection by the NRC conducted by Mr. Holley. Our annual review was rescheduled and was conducted on Sep 8, 1989 for all areas involved. A routine annual inspection will be scheduled every September, or sooner if questions should arise in any area.
2. Reference CFR 35.51(a). The failure to recalibrate the survey instrument, Model TBM-3 SN076126 in the blood laboratory, was an oversight. This instrument was calibrated by our physicist on Sep 9, 1989. We will ensure that this is done on an annual basis, from the last date of certification.
3. Reference 10 CFR 35.92(b). Not surveying the byproduct material container for background dose rate and dose rate measured at the surface of each waste container was an oversight and was immediately corrected. This has been written into our daily routine and all documentation is available for review.

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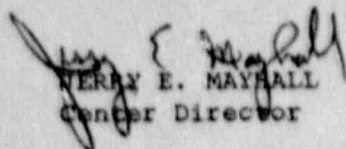
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Again, as was mentioned above, the Radiation Safety Committee is making every effort to assure that all Nuclear Regulatory Guidelines are consistently followed at all times.

Sincerely,

  
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