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Emma L. Bixby Medical Center
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Executive Vice President and
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License No. 21-03194-01
License No. 21-03194-04

Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Ms. E. R. Matson of this office on September 26, 1989, of activities authorized by NRC Byproduct Material Licenses No. 21-03194-01 and No. 21-03194-04, and to the discussion of our findings with you and Mr. Wolcott at the conclusion of the inspection.

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

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice. A written response is required.

Violation No. 2.a is a repeat item. In your response to this violation, please describe why your proposed corrective action is expected to be more successful in preventing future or similar violations than the previous corrective action.

As discussed during the inspection, we are concerned about several apparent program weaknesses which appear to be contributing to the occurrence of violations. These weaknesses appear to be the lack of a structured, routine audit of all aspects of the radiation safety program and an apparent lack of knowledge of some requirements set forth in 10 CFR Part 35. Therefore, in your response to the violations, please include a description of how you intend to strengthen your program in these areas.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are 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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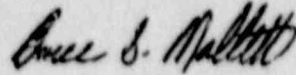
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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,



Bruce S. Mallett, Ph.D., Chief
Nuclear Materials Safety Branch

Enclosure: Notice of Violation

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