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Reference: License No. 34-10921-03 Bethesda Hospital

Dear Mr. Paperiello:

As requested per your letter dated June 11, 1980, I am responding to Bulletin No. 79-19 "Packaging of Low-Level Radioactive Waste for Transport and Burial". Our records show that we did reply to this bulletin on September 10, 1979, and a copy of this reply is enclosed for your records.

Reviewing our original reply leads me to suspect that a copy of the reply may not have been sent to the Regional Office. In addition to the copy of the response sent in September, further clarification of our system for handling wastes and reviewing our process is provided below.

We are in substantial compliance with each of the items 1 through 8 listed in Bulletin No. 79-19. Attached to this letter is a copy of our most recent (April 24, 1980) inspection of the Nuclear Medicine Department which is performed for management audit purposes. This inspection includes review of the waste disposal procedures and records as required by our license. This procedure was established prior to the receipt of Bulletin No. 79-19 last August.

We are no longer disposing of liquid radioactive wastes through shipment out of the hospital. These wastes consisted of urine retrieved from patients and are currently being disposed of on site by approved procedures.

I am enclosing two copies of this letter and the attachments for your perusal. If you determine that the original reply was not sufficient for their purposes, please forward a copy of this reply to the Washington Office of Inspection and Enforcement.

Sincerely,

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Radiation Safety Officer

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