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

Gentlemen:

This letter refers to the enforcement conference held with you and other members of your staff and Mr. James H. Joyner and other members of the NRC staff on October 17, 1989, relating to activities authorized by the NRC licenses issued to The Veterans Administration Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York. It is our view that this conference was beneficial in that it improved your understanding of our concerns regarding the violations identified during our routine inspection conducted on July 19 and 21, 1989. In addition, the conference gave us a better understanding of your actions to correct the documented violations and prevent them from recurring as well as your actions to correct other radiation safety program deficiencies. The subjects discussed during the conference are summarized in the enclosed Enforcement Conference report.

Enforcement action resulting from this inspection will be transmitted to you under separate cover.

In accordance with Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 2.790, a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,

**Original Signed By:**  
**Malcolm R. Knapp**

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

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Enclosures:

1. NRC Region I Enforcement Conference Report Nos. 030-02623/89-002  
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2. Attachment A: V.A. Medical Center, Brooklyn, N.Y., Response to violations cited in NRC Inspection of July 19, 1989.

cc w/ encl:

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