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

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

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter of October 20, 1989, in response to our letter and attached Notice of Violation both dated October 16, 1989. We have reviewed your reply and find it responsive to the concerns raised in our Notice of Violation. We will review the implementation of your corrective actions during a future inspection to determine whether full compliance has been achieved and will be maintained.

Sincerely,

Yandell, for

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

cc:
Kansas Radiation Control Program Director

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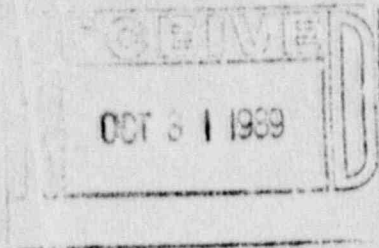
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October 20, 1989



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THRU: Director, Nuclear Medicine Service (115)
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Veterans Health Services & Research Administration
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Washington, D.C. 20420

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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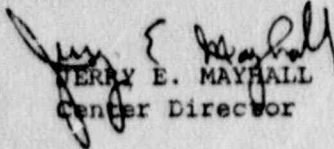
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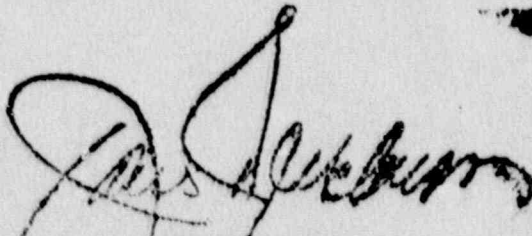
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Mr. Bill A. Beach

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,


JERRY E. MAYHALL
Center Director

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
LAWRENCE A. YANDELL

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

Enclosure:
Appendix - Notice of Violation

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