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In Reply Refer To:
License: 49-15978-01
Docket: 30-10133/89-01
EA: 89-216

Ivinson Memorial Hospital
ATTN: Thomas Nord
Chief Executive Officer
255 North 30th Street
Laramie, Wyoming 82070

Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine, unannounced radiation safety inspection conducted by Mr. Wesley Holley of this office on October 26, 1989, of the activities authorized by NRC Byproduct Material License 49-15978-01, and to the discussion of our findings held by the inspector with you and members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection. The enclosed NRC Inspection Report 30-10133/89-01 documents this 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.

The inspector identified several weaknesses in the management of your radiation safety program. It is apparent from our inspection that your radiation safety officer (RSO) and radiation safety committee (RSC) did not recognize violations of NRC regulations in various areas of your safety program. Several of these violations were identified during the previous NRC inspection in 1986 and have recurred. Our inspection also identified that a number of tests and checks on your dose calibrator were omitted or not performed correctly. This is of significant concern to the NRC since this instrument measures the activity of radiopharmaceuticals dispensed to your patients. These concerns, in conjunction with your compliance history for the last several inspections, reveals the need for an in-depth review of your nuclear medicine program.

Therefore, by this letter, we are also confirming the December 5, 1989, telephone conversation between Mr. C. L. Cain of my staff and Mr. Thomas Nord of your organization concerning our request to conduct an enforcement conference concerning these issues. The time and date agreed upon was 2 p.m. on December 15, 1989, at the NRC Region IV office in Arlington, Texas. During the enforcement conference, you should be prepared to address those specific items referenced in the NRC inspection report as well as your plans to prevent further violations. Also, during the enforcement conference, we will discuss specifically the effectiveness of the RSO and RSC functions.

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We are releasing this report at this time for your information. You will be notified by separate correspondence of our decision regarding enforcement action based on the findings of this inspection. No written response to this report is required at this time; however, you may provide a response at this time, in particular if you wish to describe any corrective actions taken.

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

A. B. BEACH

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

Enclosure:
Appendix - NRC Inspection Report
30-10133/89-01

cc:
Wyoming Radiation Control Program Director

bcc:
DMB - Original (IE-07)
RDMartin
ABBeach
LAYandell
LShea, RM/ALF (AR-2015)
CLCain
RJEverett
WLHolley
NMIS
MIS System
RIV Files (2)
RSTS Operator
REHall, URFO
GSanborn
JLLieberman