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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV
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Dear Mr. Brown:

An NRC inspection was conducted at Veterans Administration Medical Center (License No. 05-01401-06) on April 24, 1981. The report of the inspection cited four areas of noncompliance with the License. Since the inspection, full compliance with the License has been achieved. The steps taken are outlined below.

X The first violation stated that "the Don L. Collins Model GSM-5 beta/gamma survey meter calibrated December 31, 1980, was calibrated at only one point on each scale". On April 28, 1981 the Don Collins meter was recalibrated. This time all three scales were calibrated at at least two points. The Radiation Safety Technician, who calibrates the survey meters, has been instructed to always calibrate all meters at two points on each scale. In addition, the Radiation Safety Technician has been instructed to survey the Gamma cell once each 6 months.

The second violation stated that results of surveys and monitoring were not maintained for two years after completion of the surveys. A survey of the Gamma cell was made on April 24, 1981, and the results were placed in the survey record book. Surveys of the Gamma cell will now be performed routinely by the Radiation Safety Technician. In addition, an inservice was given to all users of the Gamma cell on May 4, 1981. All users were instructed by the Radiation Safety Technician to survey the Gamma cell before and after each use.

The third violation stated that "records of leak tests were not maintained for the years 1979 and 1980". Although leak test records were misplaced during the inspection, records of leak test (which was negative) performed on 5/27/80 were subsequently found. A leak test was performed on April 24, 1981. This test was also negative. The Gamma cell has been added to the

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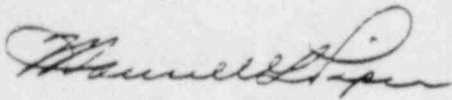
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list of sealed sources in the Medical Center which are tested every 6 months. Therefore, the Gamma cell will be routinely leak tested as are all other sealed sources in the Medical Center.

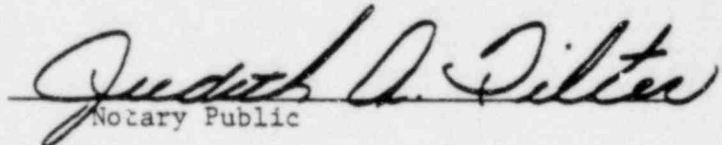
Full compliance with the four violations cited was achieved on or before April 28, 1981. I certify that all information contained in this letter is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sincerely,



MANSELL G. PIPER
Medical Center Director

Subscribed and sworn before me on this the 22nd day of May, 1981.


Notary Public

My commission expires 1-19-83.