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Brigham and Women's Hospital
ATTN: David E. Drum, M.D.
Chairman, Radiation Emergency
Coordinating Committee
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Dear Dr. Drum:

Your letter of August 15, 1989, suggested that Brigham and Women's Hospital may not be prepared to handle contaminated accident victims because of previous NRC citations and evaluations of your operational safety program. Past NRC inspections of your operational safety program focused on your ability to safely handle radioactive materials. The citations you received were for inadequate administrative controls, such as inventory and control of sealed radioactive sources, inadequate surveys, and inadequate control of your film badge program. The findings do not lead us to conclude that there are any serious problems with your materials program that would significantly impact on your ability to treat contaminated accident victims.

It is true that the NRC and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) require letters of agreement with hospitals that provide support to states and utilities in the event of a nuclear power incident. The requirements for this support are contained in FEMA document MS-1, Medical Services. An evaluation of your ability to treat contaminated accident victims would be performed by FEMA. This evaluation is normally performed once every six years. As yet, there has been no evaluation by FEMA concerning this issue at your hospital.

I hope this letter has been responsive to your concerns. If you have additional questions please feel free to contact me at (215) 337-5200. Additionally, I am forwarding a copy of your letter to Mr. John Dolan, FEMA Region I. If you have any questions regarding MS-1 or FEMA's evaluation process, please contact him at (617) 223-9567.

Sincerely

Original Signed By:
James H. Jordan

for

Ronald R. Bellamy, Chief
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J. Dolan, FEMA Region I

Nicholas J. Johnson, Brigham and Women's Hospital



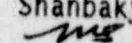

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