

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION REGION I

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Docket No. 30-1883

4 MAR 1981

St. Joseph's Hospital, Incorporated ATTN: Sister Yvette Thibaudeau Administrator 220 Pawtucket Street Lowell, Massachusetts 01854

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 30-1883/81-01

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. P. Jerman of this office on January 28, 1981 of activities authorized by NRC License No. 20-06296-01 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Jerman with Dr. K. Romberg of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and the conditions of your license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, measurements made by the inspector, and observations by the inspector.

Our inspector also verified the steps you have taken to correct the item of noncompliance brought to your attention in the enclosure to our letter following our previous inspection. We have no further questions regarding your action at this time.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that one of your activities was not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. This item of noncompliance has been categorized into the levels described in the Federal Register Notice (45 FR 66754) dated October 7, 1980. You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and your reply will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,

John D. Kinneman, Chief

Materials Radiological Protection

Section

Enclosure: Appendix A, Notice of Violation