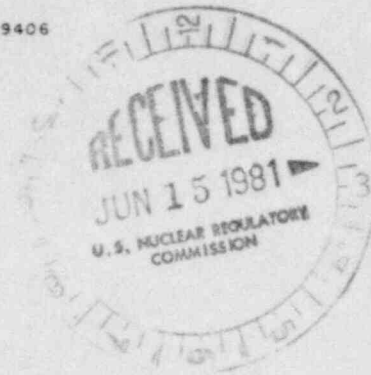


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Docket No. 30-12712

Veterans Administration Medical Center
ATTN: Mr. W. L. Hodson
Medical Center Director
Middleville Road
Northport, New York 11768

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection No. 81-01

This refers to the routine inspection conducted by Mr. J. Nicolosi and Miss J. McGinness of this office on February 23-24, 1981 of activities authorized by NRC License No. 31-13511-04 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Nicolosi with yourself and members 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.

In addition, our inspectors took smear samples in your laboratory facilities. These samples were analyzed in our Regional Office Laboratory in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. The basic purpose of these independent measurements is to verify your capability to identify and evaluate the presence of removable contamination in these areas. The results of our analysis were in agreement with your analysis.

Our inspector also verified the steps you have taken to correct the items of noncompliance brought to your attention in the enclosure to our letter dated December 28, 1979. 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.

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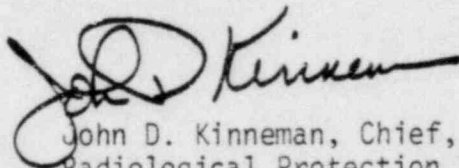
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From the discussions at the conclusion of the inspection, it is our understanding that the Radiation Safety Officer will be notified prior to the conduct of any irradiation using iodine-125 or iodine-131 and that you will evaluate the efficiency of your effluent monitoring prior to further work with licensed material in hoods. In your reply to this letter, please confirm our understandings in these matters.

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,



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Radiological Protection Section,
Technical Inspection Branch

Enclosure: Appendix A, Notice of Violation

cc w/enc:
Mr. T. Button, Radiation Safety Officer

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