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Pemiscot County Medical Center  
 ATTN: Mr. Glenn Haynes  
 Administrator  
 East Reed Street and Hwy. 61  
 Hayti, MO 63851

License No. 24-17486-01

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Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. B. A. Parker of this office on November 21, 1989, of activities authorized by NRC Byproduct Material License No. 24-17486-01 and to the discussion of our findings with you and members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

This also refers to the management conference conducted by telephone on December 8, 1989, between members of our respective organizations. During the conference, you addressed some of your corrective actions to the identified violations and to our concern regarding the management oversight of your program. These actions include the appointment of a management representative to personally supervise compliance with NRC requirements; assurance that the Radiation Safety Officer will take a much stronger interest in the licensed program; and the hiring of a full-time certified nuclear medicine technologist familiar with NRC requirements.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice. A written response is required. Because the duration of the violations was limited and did not result in a safety issue, we have chosen not to classify these violations at a Severity Level III or issue a civil penalty. However, we expect your corrective actions to continue to be effective. Repeated poor performance will be the basis for further enforcement actions.

Also during this inspection, three areas of concern were identified pertaining to the involvement of the Radiation Safety Officer and the degree of control maintained by your management over the nuclear medicine program. These areas of concern are described in Section 4 of the enclosed report and Enclosure No. 2. A written response to each of these concerns is also requested.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

Bruce S. Mallett, Chief  
Nuclear Materials Safety  
Branch

Enclosures:

- 1. Notice of Violation
- 2. Areas of Concern
- 3. Inspection Report  
No. 030-12833/89001(DRSS)

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