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This letter is in response to your letter dated December 8, 1989. We are proposing new dates when full compliance will be achieved.

First violation - Failure to have survey meters calibrated.

We have instructed research personnel not to use uncalibrated meters to perform surveys requiring calibrated meters. Information regarding calibration facilities will be distributed in January. Full compliance is expected in February 1990.

Second violation - Failure to have thyroid counts.

All radioiodine users using more than 0.1 millicurie per quarter have been instructed to obtain bioassays as soon as possible. Following that, they will receive quarterly bioassays. Full compliance is expected in January 1990. Incidently, a license amendment request is being prepared which will relax our bioassays requirements and will cause us to match Regulatory Guide 8.20 more fully. Thus, it will be easier for personnel to comply with the bioassay requirement.

Third violation - Failure to maintain unit log books and disposal records.

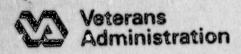
Instructions concerning log form usage will be disseminated shortly and all personnel will be expected to comply. Compliance will be monitored during routine laboratory inspections. Full compliance is expected in January 1990.

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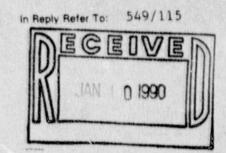
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Please forward the attached response to Notice of Violations to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. We expect that all the information is complete.

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