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Gentlemen:

During a July 7, 1988 inspection at Otto Epp Memorial Hospital, our inspector identified a concern regarding instrument calibration services which were performed by James Kereiakes, Ph.D., an employee of your institution. These concerns were addressed during a December 5, 1988 telephone conversation between Dr. Kereiakes, Bruce Mallett and other members of my staff.

During the course of the inspection at Otto Epp Memorial Hospital, a licensee representative of the hospital presented our inspector with a record which indicated that one of their survey instruments was calibrated by Dr. Kereiakes on May 1, 1988 when, in fact, it was not calibrated by him until sometime between May 10 and May 16, 1988. During the December 5, 1988 telephone conversation with Dr. Kereiakes, he indicated that on occasion undated calibration records from his staff came to him for signature. On these occasions, Dr. Kereiakes estimated the calibration date, normally within a few days of the actual calibration date.

This practice is of concern to the NRC because inaccurate information on records that are required to be maintained by licensees who utilize your instrument calibration services are placed in violation of 10 CFR 30.9. 10 CFR 30.9 requires that information provided to the Commission by a licensee be complete and accurate in all material respects. On December 28, 1989, Otto C. Epp Hospital was issued a Notice of Violation against 10 CFR 30.9 for providing inaccurate information to our inspector regarding the survey instrument calibration record provided to them by Dr. Kereiakes.

We request that within 30 days of the receipt of this letter, you provide to this office actions already taken or planned, to prevent recurrence of similar problems with regard to providing accurate information to your client facilities for rendered services.

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

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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Bruce Mallett or Roy Caniano of my staff at (708) 790-5500. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

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