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Department of the Navy
Navy Radiation Safety Committee
OP-45
Chief of Naval Operations
Washington, DC 20350-2000

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION, PENSACOLA NAVAL HOSPITAL
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 45-23645-01NA/89-02)

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. L. Franklin at Pensacola Naval Hospital (U.S. Navy Permit No. 09-00203-11NP) on June 5-6, 1989. The inspection included a review of the circumstances surrounding the apparent willful violation of NRC personnel monitoring requirements by a Naval officer while serving as Radiation Health Officer at Pensacola Naval Hospital. The violation was identified by licensee personnel, formally investigated through a Command Inquiry, and reported to the NRC. The report documenting this inspection was sent to you by letter dated December 14, 1989. An Enforcement Conference was held on January 5, 1990. An Enforcement Conference Summary and corrections to the NRC Inspection Report were sent to you on January 26, 1990.

The violation described in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) involved failure to submit dosimetry film for processing for four Pensacola Naval Hospital personnel. These omissions included four monthly exposure monitoring cycles during the period April through August 1988. The violation resulted from the apparent willful disregard for adherence to established procedures on the part of the former Radiation Health Officer.

The ability of both the NRC and the Navy to rely on the integrity of individuals holding responsible positions is inherent in the successful implementation of the Navy's Broad Scope NRC License. Because the involved personnel historically received very low radiation exposures and the violation occurred over a limited time, the safety significance of the technical violation is small.

In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1989)(Enforcement Policy), the violation described in the enclosed Notice has been categorized as Severity Level IV. It was identified by the licensee and reported to the NRC. Prompt and extensive corrective actions were taken, including discharge of the former Radiation Health Officer from the Navy in June 1989, in lieu of trial

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