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EA No. 90-035

Veterans Administration Medical Center
ATTN: Shelby Fine
Acting Medical Center Director
555 Willard Avenue
Newington, Connecticut 06111

Gentlemen:

Subject: Routine Inspection No. 030-01283/90-001

This letter refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. Steven Courtemanche of this office on January 31 and February 1, 1990, of activities conducted at the above address as authorized by NRC License No. 06-11222-01. This letter also refers to the discussion of our findings between you, other members of your staff, and Mr. Courtemanche, at the conclusion of the inspection. This also refers to the subsequent telephone conversation between you and Dr. Lee Bettenhausen of this office on February 9, 1990.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations and measurements by the inspector.

As discussed during the telephone conversation between you and Dr. Bettenhausen, the apparent violations and concerns identified during this inspection will be discussed during an Enforcement Conference at the NRC Region I Office at 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania on February 23, 1990 at 10:30 a.m. We understand that you and appropriate members of your staff will attend this meeting. The purposes of this conference are to discuss the apparent violations; their cause(s) and safety significance; to provide you the opportunity to point out any errors in our inspection report; to provide an opportunity for you to present your completed and proposed corrective actions; and to discuss mitigating or extenuating circumstances or any other information that will help us determine appropriate enforcement actions.

Appropriate enforcement action for these apparent violations will be considered by the NRC following the conference and you will be informed of this action by letter. The NRC Enforcement Policy is described in Appendix C of 10 CFR Part 2, a copy of which is enclosed for your information. Directions to the Region I office are also enclosed.

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 the enclosures will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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No response to this letter is required. Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Malcolm R. Knapp, Director
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosures:

1. NRC Region I Inspection Report No. 030-01283/90-001
2. 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C
3. Directions to the USNRC Region I Office

cc w/encl:

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