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MAY 14 1981

License No. 02-12726-01

Veterans Administration Medical Center
Prescott, Arizona 86313

Attention: Mr. Virgil I. McIntyre
Medical Center Director

Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC Inspection

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Ms. B. Riedlinger of this office on March 26, 1981 of activities authorized by NRC License No. 02-12726-01 and to the discussion of our findings held by Ms. Riedlinger with you and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection. The results of this inspection were also reviewed with you and your staff in an Enforcement Conference on May 8, 1981. That conference will be described in an NRC report which will be distributed later.

The inspection was an examination of the activities conducted under your license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and the conditions of your license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel and observations by the inspector.

During this inspection, it was found that certain of your activities appeared to be in noncompliance with NRC requirements. The items and references to the pertinent requirements are listed in Appendix A. These items have been categorized into severity levels as described in the Federal Register Notice (45 FR66754) dated October 7, 1980.

In addition to the need for corrective action regarding the specific items of noncompliance included in Appendix A, we are concerned about the implementation of your management control system that permitted the items of noncompliance to occur. Consequently, in your reply you should describe in particular those actions taken or planned to improve the effectiveness of your overall management control system related to the radiation safety program.

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Your response to this notice is to be submitted in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201 as stated in Appendix A, Notice of Violation.

We have adopted a new NRC enforcement policy, as described in the Federal Register Notice (45 FR 66754) dated October 7, 1980. With the adoption of that policy we are requiring, under the authority of Section 182 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, that responses to Notices of Violations be submitted under oath or affirmation. Therefore, the last paragraph of your letter should include a statement equivalent to the following:

"I certify that all information contained in this letter, including any supplements attached thereto, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief."

DATE

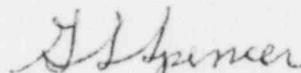
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The signature should be notarized.

If you have any questions on this matter or concerning this inspection, please telephone B. Riedlinger on 415-943-3700.

Sincerely,



G. S. Spencer, Director
Division of Technical Inspection

Enclosures:

A. Appendix A - Notice of Violation