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June 30, 1981

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United States Nuclear Regulatory
Commission, Region II
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RE: Response to Report Number 45-19154-01/81-01

Dear Mr. Gibson:

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This reply is in response to your letter dated June 24th, 1981 regarding inspection of our facility by Mr. R. Brown.

Item A on the notice of violation: We admit to the alleged violation cited on Item A, i.e., the physician who covered for Dr. Ramakrishnan during November 1980 not being named on his license. The reason for this violation being that due to our small rural location it is hard to predict the person who will be available to cover radiological services at a given time. Our volume of work requires one Radiologist on permanent payroll.

The corrective step we are planning to take in order to avoid such a violation will be to inform the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ahead of time about the coverage for Dr. Ramakrishnan whenever he is not able to supervise our operations. Full compliance will be achieved immediately.

Item B on the notice of violation: We admit the alleged violation cited on Item B, i.e., not doing the linearity test of the dose calibrator at quarterly intervals. The reason for this violation is the mistaken idea that this test was required annually. From now on the test will be done at quarterly intervals. The linearity test has already been done on June 15th, 1981 after the inspection. Full compliance with the regulation will be achieved immediately.

Item C on the notice of violation: We also admit the alleged violation cited on Item C, i.e., failure to maintain records of surveys of disposals. The reason for this violation is also not being aware

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of the need. Corrective steps have already been taken. A record is being kept of disposal surveys. As noted above, full compliance has already been achieved.

I hope I have explained to your satisfaction the reasons for the violations and the corrective steps that are being taken to avoid them in the future. I assure you that we will comply with all the regulations of nuclear safety to the fullest extent possible. If you should have any more questions regarding this reply, please feel free to contact us again.

Berton F. Williams

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