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Docket No. 30-9204

Veteran's Administration Hospital
ATTN: Mr. P. Flaherty
Director
Batavia, New York 14020



Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 81-01

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Miss J. McGinness of this office on April 8, 1981 of activities authorized by NRC License No. 31-08946-02 and to the discussions of our findings held by Miss McGinness with yourself and Mr. J. Smith, Jr. of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspection was an examination of 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, measurements made by the inspector, and observations by the inspector.

Our inspector also verified the steps you have taken to correct the items of noncompliance brought to your attention in the enclosure to our letter dated October 18, 1977. We have no further questions regarding the steps you took to correct items A.1, A.2, B, and D. With regard to items A.3 and C, these items have recurred.

In addition, our inspection examined those activities conducted under your license relating to the subject covered in your letter to our Region III office dated April 8, 1981. We have no further questions regarding this matter.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that certain of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. These items of noncompliance have been categorized into the levels described in the Federal Register Notice (45 FR 66754) dated October 7, 1980. You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

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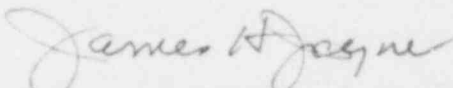
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Items A and B.3 in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter were identified during a previous inspection of your licensed activities on September 30, 1977 and were documented in the enclosure to our letter dated October 18, 1977. Your letter to this office dated October 31, 1977 stated that personnel preparing radiopharmaceuticals were using syringe shields in preparation and administration of patient doses and that ring finger badges had been obtained to evaluate the radiation dose to hands and fingers of radioisotope personnel. From our April 8, 1981 inspection it appears that the stated corrective actions were not effective since these items have recurred. Recurrent and uncorrected items of noncompliance are given additional weight in the consideration and selection of appropriate enforcement action. Therefore, in your response to this letter, you should give particular attention to those actions taken or planned to ensure that identified items of noncompliance will be completely corrected and will not recur.

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 your reply will be placed in the Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



Thomas T. Martin, Acting Director
Division of Engineering and Technical
Inspection

Enclosure: Appendix A, Notice of Violation

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