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GENERAL HOSPITAL

March 15, 1990

ATTN: Document Control Desk
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

REFERENCE: Reply to a "Notice of Violation"
Docket No. 030-11847, License No. 45-16909-01
dated February 23, 1990, to
Chesapeake General Hospital

Dear Sir:

Using the NRC format, following is the information requested in the "Notice of Violation" mailed to this hospital February 23, 1990:

A. 10 CFR 35.60(b) requires the licensee to conspicuously label each syringe or syringe radiation shield.

1. We admit that we had not labeled the syringes or the syringe shields.
2. This violation resulted after our lead nuclear medicine technologist had left the hospital and the replacement was not aware of the requirement.
3. The corrective step that has been taken is that the syringes and the syringe shields are now labeled.
4. We will continue to label syringes and syringe shields.
5. Full compliance was achieved by approximately February 16, 1990.

B. 10 CFR 35.51(C) requires the licensee to check each survey instrument for proper operation with a dedicated check source each day of use.

1. We admit that we had not performed the required checks with the survey instrument.
2. This violation resulted after our lead nuclear medicine technologist had left the hospital and the replacement was not aware of the requirement.
3. The corrective step taken was that the technologist checked the survey instrument each day of use with a dedicated check source.
4. We will continue to check the survey instrument with a dedicated check source each day of use.
5. Full compliance was achieved by approximately February 16, 1990.

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C. License Condition 15 requires that we perform wipe tests on the external surface of final source shipping containers.

1. We admit that we had not been performing these wipe tests.
2. This violation resulted after our lead nuclear medicine technologist had left the hospital and the replacement was not aware of the requirement.
3. The corrective step taken was that we are now wipe testing the outside of the final shipping package.
4. We will continue to perform the required wipe testing.
5. Full compliance was achieved by approximately February 16, 1990.

D. 10 CFR 35.50(e)(3) requires that records of dose calibrator linearity tests include the signature of the Radiation Safety Officer.

We deny this violation. The Nuclear Medicine Department has two files of linearity data, one that is signed by the Radiation Safety Officer and another that is a copy of the linearity data made before the Radiation Safety Officer signed the data forms. The nuclear medicine technologist inadvertently gave the inspector the wrong file. The file having the required signature was located after the auditor had left the hospital.

Should further information be needed, please contact our consulting health physicist, Mr. John W. Cure, III, at 804-384-7003.

Very truly yours,

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