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License No. 04-00181-04

Veterans Administration Medical Center  
Wadsworth & Wilshire Boulevards  
Los Angeles, California

Attention: Kenneth Clark  
Medical Center Director

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION

This refers to the inspection conducted by Frieda Y. Taylor and J. Frank Pang of this office on January 11-15, 1993. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your VA Medical Center in Los Angeles, California. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with the following members of your staff: Bob Herron, Associate Director; Pam Monroe, acting Assistant Director; Dr. Dean Norman, acting Chief of Staff; Dr. Bland, Chief Nuclear Medicine Service; Dr. John Basinski, Radiation Safety Officer (RSO); and Ronald Nusbaum, Associate RSO. Subsequent discussions relative to the inspection findings were also held with your RSO on January 27, and your medical physicist on January 27, and February 16, 1993.

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 the license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, one of your activities was in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The violation is of concern because your failure to perform surveys to assure compliance with 10 CFR 20.105(b) could have resulted in individuals in an unrestricted area receiving a dose in excess of two millirems in any one hour.

We are also concerned that your program for ensuring that the nursing staff has completed the training required by License Condition 22A as referenced in your application dated May 24, 1991, may not be adequately implemented. Further, we note that approximately 30% of your survey instruments were out of commission due to the inability to allocate the required funds to service and calibrate the instruments in a timely manner. Consequently, of the laboratories visited during the inspection, approximately 50% were sharing instruments. Please inform us of the actions you have taken, or planned, to: (1) ensure that your nursing staff receives initial and annual refresher training; and (2) ensure the timely maintenance and calibration of your survey instruments.

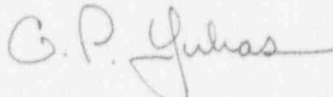
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You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room. The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96.511.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G.P. Yuhas", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gregory P. Yuhas, Chief  
Radioactive Materials Safety Branch

Enclosure:  
Notice of Violation

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