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Mr. Gary L. Shear
Chief, Nuclear Materials Inspection
Section 2
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region III
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Dear Mr. Shear:

The following is our response to the Notice of Violation issued by the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on February 4, 1993.

1. Surveys with a radiation detection instrument performed at the beginning of each day in areas where radiopharmaceuticals are routinely prepared for use or administration

This violation occurred as a result of a miscommunication between the nuclear medicine technologists and the radiation safety officer (RSO). Effective January 28, 1993, the nuclear medicine technologists have been instructed to perform their surveys at the end of each work day instead of in the mornings. The RSO will periodically inspect the Nuclear Medicine survey records to monitor compliance.

2. Surveys, with a radiation detection survey instrument, of the radiopharmaceutical waste storage area adjacent to the hot lab not performed

This violation occurred as a result of an oversight by the nuclear medicine technologists and the radiation safety officer (RSO). By February 2, 1993, all nuclear medicine technologists were instructed in the proper survey procedures for this area. As of January 28, 1993, the surveys, with a radiation detection survey instrument, in this area have been performed, bringing our program into compliance with NRC regulations. The RSO will periodically inspect the Nuclear Medicine survey records in order to monitor compliance.

3. Weekly removable contamination surveys not performed in areas where radiopharmaceuticals and radioactive wastes are stored

This violation occurred as a result of an oversight by the nuclear medicine technologists and the radiation safety officer (RSO). All nuclear medicine technologists were instructed in the proper survey procedures for

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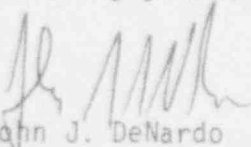
this area by February 2, 1993. As of January 29, 1993, the surveys for removable contamination in both areas (Rooms GA102B and A140F) have been performed, bringing our program into compliance with NRC regulations. The RSO will periodically inspect the survey records to monitor compliance.

4. Removable contamination surveys in a research laboratory not performed as required by the byproduct material license

In Research Laboratory No. 5A158, one specific laboratory worker was delegated the responsibility of performing surveys for removable contamination. The violation occurred because the worker forgot to perform the surveys and the principal investigator neglected to verify that the surveys were done. The radiation safety officer (RSO) immediately instructed the laboratory personnel that these surveys are required to be completed at least monthly and that the results are to be documented. A notice of violation was issued to the principal investigator to emphasize the importance of conducting these surveys. All research laboratories under this investigator's supervision were surveyed on January 29, 1993. Additionally, a memorandum has been sent to all research principal investigators, emphasizing the requirement to complete radiation surveys as required by our byproduct materials license.

Please refer questions regarding this information to Mr. Jeffrey J. Brunette, Radiation Safety Officer (Phone Number: (312) 666-6500, Extension 2596 or 2602).

Sincerely yours,



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Medical Center Director