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CALIFORNIA; LICENSE NUMBER 4-181-4 AS AMENDED, 10 CFR 20 AND 30

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Attached is a report of an inspection of the activities, facilities and operations of the subject named licensee. It is the opinion of the inspector that there is no hazard to the health and safety of the patients, public or employees of the licensee. No followup inspection of this licensee is planned.

The licensee appears to have a well organized and efficient radiation safety program and apparently maintains good control of the licensed material in his possession. Certain items were discussed with Mr. Wetterau during the course of the inspection which he stated he would consider further and on which he would possibly take action. The first item was the identification of waste burial sites in order that such sites could be easily located in the event that recovery of the material were necessary prior to new construction. The second item was the possible installation of air monitoring equipment in the hot laboratory hood exhaust stack or the performance of spot sampling from the hot laboratory hood exhaust stack during periods in which the hood was in operation. It is noted that the licensee was neither advised nor instructed by the inspector to perform such exhaust gas monitoring. However, the inspector did state that such monitoring should seriously be considered as a part of this radiation safety program. It is the inspector's opinion that the licensee's records of air samples taken within the hot laboratory during times when air contamination was present are sufficient to establish that the licensee at no time exceeded the limits set by 10 CFR 20 for releases of airborne contamination to the environment.

The item of noncompliance dealing with the possession of an unlicensed 250 microcurie cobalt-60 sealed source was discussed with the licensee at the time of the inspection. The unauthorized possession of 500 microcuries of iodine-125 was not discussed

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with the licensee at the time of the inspection since the inventory submitted by the licensee to the inspector was not reviewed on an item by item basis until the inspector returned from the field.

Mr. Wetterau and Dr. Blahd stated that the item of noncompliance relating to the possession of a 250 microcurie cobalt-60 sealed source would be corrected by license amendment and stated such amendment would be submitted to the Division of Licensing and Regulation as soon as possible.

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