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St. John's Regional Health Center  
ATTN: Mr. Allen Shockley  
Senior Vice President  
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Springfield, MO 65802

License No. 24-00866-02

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter dated June 17, 1982, informing us of the steps you have taken to correct the noncompliance which we brought to your attention in our letter dated June 1, 1982.

In response to item 1c of your letter, a visiting physician may use licensed material for 60 nonconsecutive days in any calendar year. As described in your scenario, you may allow a visiting physician to use licensed materials for 14 days in April and 14 days in September. The 60 day authorization limit pertains to the number of days licensed material is actually used. Because this interpretation is in compliance with your license conditions, we are deleting item No. 1 in the Notice of Violation from our records. License condition 13 requires that a visiting physician is authorized to use licensed material provided the visiting physician has prior written permission of the hospital's Administrator and its Medical Isotopes Committee. The visiting physician performing implants at your hospital on January 27, 1982, March 16, 1982, and April 13, 1982, only had prior written permission to perform implants on January 27, 1982. This is an item of noncompliance, however, your letter dated June 19, 1982, includes procedures and memos that will ensure written permission is obtained for visiting physicians before licensed material is used. Therefore, we consider this item self corrected.

Regarding item 3 of your letter concerning radiation surveys, 10 CFR 20.201 states that surveys shall be performed to ensure compliance with all sections of Part 20. 10 CFR 20.105 states that the radiation in unrestricted areas may not exceed certain limits. When using large amounts of radiopharmaceuticals

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or sealed therapy sources, surveys in the areas above and below a therapy patient's room may be needed to ensure that the radiation levels do not exceed the limits for unrestricted areas.

We will examine these matters during a future inspection.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,



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Section 1

cc to: E. W. Gotti, M.D.  
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cc w/ltr dtd June 17, 1982:  
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