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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region I, Office of Inspection and Enforcement
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

Attn: Mr. Thomas T. Martin, Director

Dear Mr. Martin:

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated April 21, 1982, which refers to the routine safety inspection of our facilities conducted by Miss J. McGinness on March 30, 1982. The following is a written statement regarding the violations identified in your letter.

1. The Nuclear Medicine student who started working in the Nuclear Medicine Department on March 1, 1982, was given a ring badge at that time at our physicist's request to verify that no unauthorized work was being performed, as well as to monitor exposure to her extremities. As of your visit on March 30, 1982, the March exposure report had not yet arrived at our facility. A copy of this report is enclosed to verify that the student is indeed being monitored as per 10 CFR 20.201(b). (The student is badge number 081, as indicated on the enclosed report). For this reason, we contest the Severity Level IV violation.
2. The evaluation of the dose to the extremities of an employee whose film badge was assigned and not returned for processing was completed as follows:
 - (a) For several of the months in question, letters had been sent to add on estimated exposures. These letters were located after your visit and have been attached to their corresponding exposure reports.
 - (b) A letter will be mailed to add on estimated exposures for the remaining months in question.

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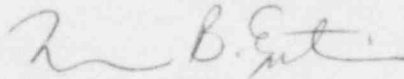
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- (c) To ensure complete compliance in the future, all exposure reports will be reviewed on a monthly basis by both the Chief Technologist and the Health Physicist. All deletions or additions will be requested by the end of the month in which the report is received by our facility.

To limit the number of lost or damaged badges, the Nuclear Medicine Department will store their badges overnight in the Chief Technologist's office which is a controlled area.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Norman B. Epstein
Assistant Administrator

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Enclosures