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License No. 16-08896-04

Veterans Administration
Medical Center
ATTN: Mr. Dexter Dix, Director
Cooper Drive Division
Lexington, KY 40511

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 16-08896-04/90-01)

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. H. Bermudez of this office on August 28, 1990. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Cooper Drive facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with Mr. G. Myhre, Associate Director.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license with respect to radiation safety and compliance with NRC regulations and the conditions of your license. It included selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and direct observations by the inspector.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice).

In addition to the need for corrective action regarding the specific matters identified in the enclosed Notice, we are concerned about your lack of control over records, other than those related to nuclear medicine, that pertain to your licensed activities prior to March 1990. It is our understanding that such records are being kept by University of Kentucky personnel and are not readily accessible to you. Consequently, your response should also describe those actions taken or planned to ensure you gain control over all required records regarding licensed activities.

We are also concerned that a violation identified during an inspection conducted August 15, 1989, was not effectively corrected, in that a management representative failed to attend radiation safety committee meetings held on October 26, 1989, and January 10, 1990, as required by 10 CFR 35.22(a)(3). The NRC expects a licensee to take prompt and effective corrective action when violations of regulatory requirements are identified. In your response to the enclosed Notice, you should document the specific actions you plan to take or have taken to ensure that required members of the radiation safety committee

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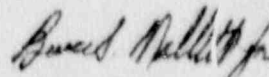
attend each meeting and that violations of regulatory requirements are effectively corrected. We will review your response, including your proposed corrective actions, and the results of future inspections to determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure 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.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,



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Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosure:
Notice of Violation

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