

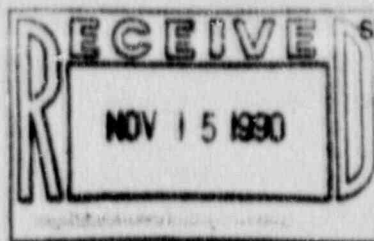
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November 12, 1990



Charles Cain
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000
Arlington, Texas 76011

Dear Mr. Cain:

Upon review of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") report dated November 6, 1990, we would like to offer our recommendations for the future operation of Newman Memorial Hospital ("NMH") Nuclear Medicine department.

To rectify the identified problems, we propose that NMH comply with the requirements by taking the following steps:

- (1) Suspend Nuclear Medicine services immediately. Continue suspension of services until Step 2 can be completed.
- (2) Negotiate a contract for the services of a Radiologist to serve as Radiation Safety Officer ("RSO") in cooperation with another area facility. The performance of this physician as RSO shall be closely monitored and compared to the NRC requirements. During this time, we will also study the feasibility of the department manager becoming qualified to serve as the RSO.
- (3) Terminate the various radiopharmaceutical supply contracts (Dupont, Mallinckrodt).

We believe that during the time of suspension, the new Administration and current professional staff can revamp the program to include adequate controls to prevent future difficulties. The Medical Staff and Board of Directors of NMH have approved the suspension of the service and support the steps outlined above.

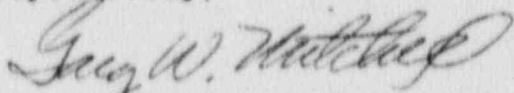
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Based on the above-proposed action, we respectfully request your consideration of the public relations implications and for leniency in the potential imposition of any civil penalties and the elimination of the necessity for us to make a trip to your office in the Arlington area.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary W. Mitchell".

Gary W. Mitchell, MS
Interim Administrator

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