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Reply to Notice of Violation:

This is in response to a violation found by Kent M. Prendergast during a May 10 inspection of the laboratory. As I understand it, we were meeting the conditions of our license in terms of 1, isotope inventory, 2, waste disposal, and 3, training but were deficient in monitoring contamination. We had proper documentation for every month except one, April 1992. The employee who is tasked with the responsibility of conducting monthly wipe tests feels confident that she conducted the wipe test and that it showed no contamination but she failed to enter the printout in our files. We acknowledge that this is in violation of our license agreement, and we will strive to do better in the future.

I have spoken with Ms. Kimbrell, the employee responsible for the wipe tests, and she understands the importance of proper record keeping. She has pledged to do better in the future. However, I also realize that as the Radiation Safety Officer, I am ultimately responsible for this violation, and I will do my utmost to see that all of the provisions of our license are met in the future.

Sincerely,

Dr. Russell D. Vetter
Radiation Safety Officer

cc. Carol Kimbrell
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U. S. Regulatory Commission, Document Control Desk.

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