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Docket No. 030-01883

License No. 20-06296-01

Saints Memorial Medical Center, Inc.  
ATTN: Kenneth R. Peelle, M.D.  
Radiation Safety Officer  
220 Pawtucket Street  
Lowell, Massachusetts 01854

Dear Dr. Peelle:

SUBJECT: Special Inspection No. 030-01883/93-001

On October 15 and 20, 1993, David Everhart of this office conducted a special safety inspection via telephone of activities authorized by the above listed NRC license. The inspection was limited to a review of circumstances surrounding the report of a possible unauthorized administration of Iodine-131 for thyroid ablation.

The findings of the inspection were discussed with Dr. Peelle and Dr. Tower at the conclusion of the inspection.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements. A Notice of Violation is enclosed as Appendix A and categorizes each violation by severity level in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (Enforcement Policy). You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

The item described in the attached Notice of Violation involving the administration of licensed material is classified as a Severity Level IV violation. As indicated in Supplement VI of the NRC Enforcement Policy, significant violations of this type are normally classified as Severity Level III. However, after careful consideration of the factors involved in this specific instance, it is felt this incident posed a minimal health and safety problem. We have exercised our judgement under the NRC Enforcement Policy and have classified this violation as Severity Level IV. Similar violations of this type in the future may result in additional enforcement action.

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Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,


**Original Signed By:**

Jenny M. Johansen, Chief  
Medical Inspection Section  
Division of Radiation Safety  
and Safeguards

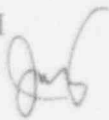
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