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Dear Mr. Olshinski:

As requested in your report of NRC Inspection (No. 23-12255-02/82-01) dated May 5, 1982, the following response regarding two identified violations of NRC requirements is submitted.

A. This violation refers to the fact that the Medical Isotopes Committee had met only five times during 1980 and 1981. This infraction can be attributed to several factors associated with a general lack of continuity in the service. An Acting Chief of Nuclear Medicine was not appointed until June, 1981 and this individual is required to devote half of his time to Radiology Service and, in fact, is currently Acting Chief in Radiology and Nuclear Medicine. There has also been a lot of turnover in the clerical position assigned to Nuclear Medicine Service. The primary factor, however, is that the station policy that established the Medical Isotope Committee requires that a meeting be scheduled on call of the chairman, as required, rather than on a specified day each quarter.

Currently, there is clerical stability in Nuclear Medicine Service which will help significantly in maintaining a regular schedule of meetings and insuring that meetings are well documented. Also, the Medical Center policy for the Medical Isotope Committee is currently being rewritten to establish a regular meeting day each quarter. These measures will correct this deficiency and insure that the requirement is adhered to.

B. This violation states that a coffee pot was observed in operation in our Nuclear Medicine laboratory. This coffee pot was immediately moved to the office of the Chief and will remain there until appropriate space is provided when the service is moved to the new clinical addition.

Violation A will be completely corrected when the policy is published. This will be done by June 24, 1982. Violation B has been corrected and all Nuclear Medicine personnel have been counseled regarding the application of this standard to the Nuclear Medicine Service.

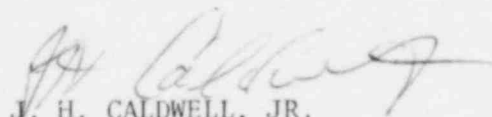
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These infractions were minor, but it is my opinion that they could easily have been avoided. I will provide follow-up to insure that both violations are corrected in the prescribed time and will continue to support Nuclear Medicine by stressing the necessity and importance of complying with all Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,


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