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Docket No. 030-10656

License No. 37-16245-01

St. Francis Central Hospital
ATTN: Robin Z. Mohr
Executive Vice President
1200 Centre Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

Dear Ms. Mohr:

SUBJECT: ROUTINE INSPECTION NO. 030-10656/93-001

On December 15, 1993, Penny Nessen and Pam Henderson of this office conducted a routine safety inspection at the above address of activities authorized by the above listed NRC license. The inspection was an examination of your licensed activities as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's regulations and the license conditions. The inspection consisted of observations by the inspector, interviews with personnel, and a selective examination of representative records. The findings of the inspection were discussed with you and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection

As discussed during the exit interview conducted on December 15, 1993, security of radioactive material is a serious concern of the Commission because of the potential for harmful exposure of members of the general public when radioactive material is no longer under the control of licensed personnel. The inspectors were concerned about the security of radioactive materials in your nuclear medicine hot lab. After discussions with Region I management, the location of radioactive material within your nuclear medicine hot lab was not considered to be easily accessible since the hot lab was located within a camera room and the door to the camera room was kept closed. Therefore, this item is not being identified as a violation. Additionally, as noted in your December 16, 1993 correspondence, it is our understanding that automatic locks and door closers were placed on both hot labs (cardiology and nuclear medicine) and the nuclear medicine camera room.

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.

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The item stated in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter was identified during a previous inspection of your licensed activities and documented in a Notice of Violation enclosed with our letter dated October 23, 1990. From this inspection, it appears that your corrective actions were not effective since this item has recurred. Recurrent and uncorrected violations are given additional weight in the consideration and selection of appropriate enforcement action. Therefore, in your response to this letter, you should give particular attention to those actions taken or planned to ensure that identified items of noncompliance will be completely corrected and will not recur.

Please use the enclosed self-addressed green envelope when you submit your copy to the Regional Administrator, Region I. This will assist us in the timely processing of your response. In accordance with Section 2.790 of NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and your reply will be placed in the Public Document Room. The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

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

Enclosure:
Appendix A, Notice of Violation

cc:
Public Document Room (PDR)
Nuclear Safety Information Center (NSIC)
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Dr. Sheng Shaw, Radiation Safety Officer

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