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Good Samaritan Hospital  
ATTN: Dan Sylvester  
Vice President for  
Professional Services  
800 Forest Avenue  
Zanesville, Ohio 43701

License No. 34-16725-02  
Docket No. 030-30954  
EA No. 94-023

Dear Mr. Sylvester:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 030-30954/94001(DRSS)

This refers to the special, announced safety inspection conducted by Mr. James L. Cameron of this office on January 19, 1994, of activities authorized by NRC Material License No. 34-16725-02, and to the discussion of our preliminary findings with you and your staff at the conclusion of the inspection. The inspection was prompted by your notification to the NRC on November 11, 1993, of a brachytherapy misadministration event.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the enclosed report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, independent measurements, and interviews with personnel. In addition, the NRC contracted a medical consultant, Melvin Griem, M.D., to evaluate the medical significance of the event. The results of Dr. Griem's evaluation are attached to the enclosed report.

Based on the results of this inspection, we identified an apparent violation that is being considered for escalated enforcement action in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions" (Enforcement Policy), 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C. The apparent violation pertains to your failure to instruct supervised individuals in the radiation safety principles appropriate to the individuals' use of byproduct material. In addition, other apparent violations were identified, which are not being considered for escalated enforcement. Each of the identified apparent violations is described in the enclosed report. Accordingly, no Notice of Violation is presently being issued for these inspection findings. In addition, please be advised that the number and characterization of the apparent violations described in the enclosed report may change as a result of further NRC review.

An enforcement conference to discuss these apparent violations has been scheduled for February 17, 1994, at 1:00 p.m. (CST) in the NRC Region III offices via telephone. The purposes of this conference are to discuss the apparent violations, their root causes, and safety significance; to provide you the opportunity to point out any errors in our inspection report; to provide an opportunity for you to present your proposed corrective actions; and to discuss any other information that will help us determine the appropriate enforcement action in accordance with the Enforcement Policy.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

Original signed by R. Caniano for  
W. L. Axelson, Director  
Division of Radiation Safety  
and Safeguards

Enclosure: Inspection Report  
No. 030-30954/94001(DRSS)

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