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License No. 20-00671-02

Docket No. 30-01805

Veterans Administration Hospital
ATTN: Mrs. B. Small,
Hospital Director
150 South Huntington Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts 02130

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection No. 82-01

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Ms. J. Johansen of this office on July 7, 1982 of activities authorized by NRC License No. 20-00671-02 and to the discussions of our findings held by Ms. Johansen with you and members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and the conditions of your license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, measurements made by the inspector, and observations by the inspector.

Our inspector also verified the steps you have taken to correct the violations brought to your attention in the enclosure to our letter dated August 8, 1980. We have no further questions regarding these specific violations. However, we note that these items were similar in nature to the violations observed during the inspection on July 7, 1982. In your reply to this letter, please discuss how you plan to avoid similar violations in the future.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that certain of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. These violations have been categorized by severity level in accordance with the NRC Enforcement policy (10 CFR 2, Appendix C) published in the Federal Register Notice (47 FR 9987) dated March 9, 1982. You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

From the discussions at the conclusion of the inspection, we understand that you will either dispose of your strontium-90 eye applicator or seek relief from the requirement to leak test the source when it is in storage by requesting a license amendment. Further, we understand that you will amend your license to include the depleted uranium used for shielding in your linear accelerator. Please confirm our understandings in your reply to this letter.

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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.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the 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.

Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
John D. Kinneman

for Thomas T. Martin, Director
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Enclosure:
Appendix A, Notice of Violation

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