

February 18, 1994

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: Reply to a Notice of Violation

Gentlemen:

This letter is a response to the "Notice of Violation, NRC Inspection Report 030-14786193-01.

1) Reason for the violation:

The administration of fifty (50) microcuries of Sodium Iodide I-131 was administered on the verbal order of Dr. Massad. It was an oversight on our part that a written directive was not prepared. This was our first and only dosage of I-131 above 30 microcuries and it was soon after the new regulations took effect.

2) Corrective steps taken:

The event was recognized during our quarterly review of the Quality Management Program and was brought to the attention of the users in the Radiation Safety Meeting held May 21, 1992, the same day as the review. At that time the requirements and the Quality Management Program were reviewed by the users with Dr. Ficken, physicist. The need for written directives for any dosage of I-131 above 30 microcuries was stressed and understood.

3) Corrective steps taken to avoid further violations:

I-123 will be used for future thyroid uptake/scans and I-131 will be avoided unless specifically ordered in writing by the licensed user. We will utilize our "Written Directive Form" to document the I-131 usage and will keep a file for review in the Director's office. The Quality Management Program is reviewed each quarter to assure compliance. We have no repeat violations since April 7, 1992.

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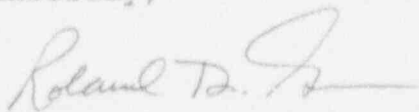
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4) Date when full compliance will be achieved:

Full compliance has been achieved since May 21, 1992. All users are aware of the violation and understand the requirements for written directives.

I trust that this response answers the violations cited. Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



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