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> Re: Docket Nos. 030-08130 070-01941 License Nos. 29-0140-03 SNM-1525

Dear Mr. White:

In response to your letter dated August 4, 1987, please be advised of the steps taken with regard to the items of non-compliance found during a recent inspection of our facility.

- A.l.a. Forceps are now being used when handling unshielded sources. The technologist who did not use the forceps has been instructed as to why and how to use the forceps for unshielded sources.
 - b. During the inspection, the inspector found an EKG technologist who did not have a film badge. Film badges were ordered immediately and are now in use at all times.
- A.2 We have always checked incoming packages for both contamination and dose rate. We have since instructed all nuclear medicine technologists to perform these checks on both incoming and outgoing cases. Every effort is being made to make certain another incident does not occur.
- A.3 The Medical Isotopes Committee did not meet in the third and fourth quarters of 1986. However, since that time the committee has met each quarter and will continue to do so.
- B. With regards to 10CFR20-401 maintaining records showing radiation exposure for all individuals for whom personnel monitoring is required, the reports for the third quarter were misfiled. Files are being rearranged so that this information will be readily available in the future.

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Thank you for bringing these items to our attention. We wish to comply with every aspect of 10CFR.

Sincerely,

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