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Dear Mr. McCann:

Kindly refer to your letter dated June 19, 1990, regarding the NRC safety inspection of our license conducted on May 17, 1990, by Ms. T. L. Simmons.

With respect to the violation, viz., failure to do daily area surveys of the dosage preparation and injection areas in Nuclear Medicine, we wish to state the following:

1. Corrective steps taken and results achieved:

We have identified one single individual on our Nuclear Medicine staff, to ensure that daily area surveys are done of all dosage preparation and administration areas. Such area surveys will also be carried out even on holidays and weekends if dosages were prepared and administered to patients on such weekends and holidays.

Further, a notice has been placed near the dedicated Nuclear Medicine computer inside the Nuclear Pharmacy (hot lab), to remind this individual about the need to do these daily surveys without fail.

A roster of the radiopharmacist's days off will be kept, with a specific individual assigned to do the daily survey in his absence. Additionally, there will be an individual assigned on-call in case of unscheduled radiopharmacist's absence.

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This procedure and the importance of the need to comply with the pertinent regulations of the USNRC have been brought to the attention of the Nuclear Medicine Staff.

2. Corrective steps to be taken to avoid future violations:

Through our periodic inservice education, our staff will be reminded of the subject matter mentioned in Item 1 above.

3. Date full compliance will be achieved:

Immediately after the USNRC inspection, on May 18, 1990, the above-mentioned corrective action has been implemented. Compliance has been achieved on May 18, 1990.

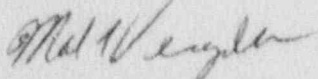
4. Additional comments:

When this item of non-compliance was brought to our attention for the first time, we were dependent on all the technologists to comply with the daily area survey requirement on a rotational basis.

Now, we have identified one specific individual to comply with this requirement. We believe, therefore, that by switching over from collective responsibilities to specific individual responsibility, we will be able to avoid this non-compliance in the future.

Should you need any additional clarification regarding the items mentioned above, please write to us.

Sincerely,



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