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License No. 46-19584-01  
EA 90-150

V. A. Medical Center  
American Lake  
Tacoma, Washington 98493

Attention: Mr. Frank Taylor  
Medical Center Director

Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 030-18926/90-01

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. David D. Skov of this office on August 30, 1990. The inspection included a review of activities authorized by NRC License No. 46-19584-01 at the V.A. Medical Center, Tacoma, Washington. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with you and other members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are described in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations of licensed activities.

Based on the results of this inspection, nine apparent violations were identified and are 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 (1990). Accordingly, no Notice of Violation is presently being issued for these inspection findings. In addition, please be advised that the number and characterization of apparent violations described in the enclosed inspection report may change as a result of further NRC review.

An enforcement conference to discuss these apparent violations has been scheduled for 1:00 PM on September 18, 1990 at your office. We anticipate the entire meeting will take approximately two hours.

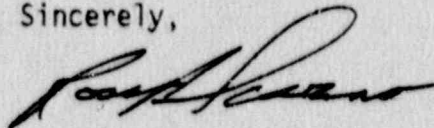
The purposes of this conference are to discuss the apparent violations, their causes and safety significance; to provide you the opportunity to point out any errors in our inspection report; to provide an opportunity for you to present your proposed corrective actions; and to discuss any other information that will help us determine the appropriate enforcement actions in accordance with the Enforcement Policy. Other matters that will be discussed at this conference are NRC enforcement options, NRC concerns, and licensee management responsibilities.

No response regarding these apparent violations is required at this time. The need for and nature of the enforcement action relative to the apparent violations, as discussed in the enclosed inspection report, will be considered after this conference and will be the subject of separate correspondence.

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

If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Pate at 415-943-3752 or Mr. David D. Skov at 415-943-3850.

Sincerely,



Ross A. Scarano, Director  
Division of Radiation Safety  
Safeguards

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