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Docket No. 030-01244

License No. 06-00819-03

Yale - New Haven Hospital  
ATTN: Norman G. Roth  
Administrative Vice-President  
20 York Street  
New Haven, Connecticut 06504

Gentlemen:

Subject: Routine Inspection No. 030-01244/90-001

On August 1 and 2, 1990, Betsy Ullrich and Craig Gordon of this office conducted a routine safety inspection at the above address of activities authorized by the above listed NRC license. The inspection was an examination of your licensed activities as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's regulations and the license conditions. The inspection consisted of observations by the inspector, interviews with personnel, and a selective examination of representative records. In addition, our inspectors examined the activities covered in your correspondence dated December 27, 1988; April 6, 1989; September 7, 1989; January 5, 1990; May 14, 1990; May 30, 1990; and June 28, 1990. The findings of the inspection were discussed with you, Dr. R. Schulz, Michael Bohan and June Tamkin at the conclusion of the inspection.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements. A Notice of Violation is enclosed as Appendix A and categorizes each violation by severity level in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (Enforcement Policy). You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

Item A described in the attached Notice of Violation involving improper disposal of license material is classified as a Severity Level IV violation. As indicated in Supplement IV of the NRC Enforcement Policy, significant violations of this type are normally classified at Severity Level III. However, careful consideration was given to the factors involved in this specific instance, including the short half-life of the licensed material, the prompt retrieval and identification of the material, and the implementation of procedures to prevent future losses. As a result, we concluded that this incident presented a minimal risk to the health and safety of the public. Therefore, we have exercised our judgement under the NRC Enforcement Policy and have classified this violation as Severity Level IV. Similar violations of this type in the future may result in additional enforcement action.

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In addition, we are concerned that problems similar to item D, while a minor violation, have been frequently identified by your Radiation Safety Staff for over one year and effective corrective action has not been implemented. Please discuss your actions to assure that violations identified by your staff are promptly and completely corrected.

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.

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.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:  
Ronald R. Bellamy

Ronald R. Bellamy, Chief  
Nuclear Materials Safety Branch  
Division of Radiation Safety  
and Safeguards

Enclosure:  
Appendix A, Notice of Violation

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