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Berkshire Medical Center
ATTN: Matthew Fulton
Vice President
725 North Street
Pittsfield, Massachusetts 01201

Gentlemen:

Subject: Routine Inspection No. 90-001

On August 2, 1990, Thomas Thompson and Glenn Roberts of this office conducted a routine safety inspection at Berkshire Medical Center, 725 North Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts of activities authorized by the above listed NRC licenses. 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. The findings of the inspection were discussed via telephone with the facility Radiation Safety Officer, Dr. Ruey Wu on August 7, 1990 and via telephone with you on August 8, 1990.

From the August 8, 1990, telephone conversation between you and Mr. T. Thompson of this office, we understand that you will only administer radiopharmaceutical therapy doses of greater than 30 millicuries in the patients' room.

If your intent differs from our understanding, please notify this office to that effect in your reply to this letter.

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.

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.

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Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
Mohamed M. Shanbaky, Ph.D.

Mohamed M. Shanbaky, Chief
Nuclear Materials Safety Section A
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosure:
Appendix A, Notice of Violation

cc:
Public Document Room (PDR)
Nuclear Safety Information Center (NSIC)
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Dr. Ruey Wu, Radiation Safety Officer

bcc:
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