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Youngstown Associates
In Radiology, Inc.
ATTN: John Melnick, M.D.
Radiation Safety Officer
7250 West Boulevard
Youngstown, OH 44512

License No. 34-16621-01
Docket No. 030-11343

Dear Dr. Melnick:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. W. J. Slawinski of this office on December 15, 1993, of activities authorized by NRC Byproduct Material License No. 34-16621-01, and to the discussion of our findings with Janet Sainato at the conclusion of the site inspection on December 15, 1993 and with you on December 23, 1993.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. The inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, independent measurements, and interviews with personnel.

In addition to the above areas, the inspector examined actions described in your letter dated January 15, 1991, regarding violations found during our December 19, 1990 inspection. We have no further questions regarding these matters.

During this inspection, certain of your activities were found to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice. A written response is required.

The number and scope of violations indicate to the NRC that your licensed program may lack effective radiation safety officer involvement and management control. Specifically, it appears that your nuclear medicine program lacks sufficient oversight of daily licensed activities and may over rely on the services of your consultant health physicist. Additionally, we are concerned that you and your two nuclear medicine technologists do not appear to be sufficiently knowledgeable of 10 CFR 35 requirements, particularly those related to quality management programs and misadministrations, as delineated in 10 CFR 35.32 and 35.33. The NRC places effective oversight, control and awareness of regulatory requirements high in its expectations of licensees. Consequently, it is important that adequate oversight and training programs exist.

In addition to your response to the Notice of Violation, we request you address how you intend to improve oversight of daily licensed activities and staff knowledge of regulatory requirements.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosure, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The response 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.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by Roy J. Caniano

Roy J. Caniano, Chief
Nuclear Materials Safety Branch

Enclosure: Notice
of Violation

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