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St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center
ATTN: Paul Hess
President
P.O. Box 7501
LaFayette, IN 47903

License No. 13-08615-04
Docket No. 030-11349
License No. 13-08615-05
Docket No. 030-12422

Dear Mr. Hess:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Ms. T. L. Simmons of this office on January 26 - February 3, 1994, of activities authorized by NRC Byproduct Material License Nos. 13-08615-04 and 13-08615-05, and to the discussion of our findings with Messrs. D. Eberle, D. Clark, D. Hung and G. Dillon at the conclusion of the inspection.

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.

The inspection included a review of the gold-198 incident which occurred in November 1993, and was reported to NRC Region III in your letter dated December 1, 1993. Certain aspects of this incident are currently under review by NRC staff. Should further actions be required as a result of our review, you will be notified in separate correspondence.

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. NRC may use discretion and not cite Severity Level V violations. Item 3 is being cited because the criteria set forth for exercise of discretion in Appendix C, Section VII.B.(1)(b) of NRC Enforcement Policy (10 CFR Part 2) dated August 31, 1993, was not met.

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.

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

Sincerely,

B. J. Holt, Chief
Nuclear Materials Inspection
Section 1

Enclosure: Notice
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