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Department of the Army
William Beaumont Army Medical Center
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 030-03260/94-01

This refers to the routine, unannounced inspection conducted by Mr. Richard A. Leonardi, Jr., of this office on February 14-16, 1994. The inspection included a review of activities authorized by Byproduct Material License 42-05255-07. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with members of your staff.

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

No violations or deviations were identified; therefore, no response to this letter is required.

The inspector noted that the licensee had implemented extensive improvements in the radiation safety program since the previous inspection. The inspector determined that the Radiation Protection Officer (RPO) had implemented a comprehensive monthly program audit which covered all clinical and research activities, and these audits appeared effective in focusing adequate attention to radiation safety in the day-to-day operations of both the clinical and research programs. The inspection showed that the Radiation Safety Committee through your Radiation Safety Officer and Deputy Commander for Clinical Services were aggressive in correcting program deficiencies.

The inspector observed that the RPO and radiopharmacist appeared to function well in their respective roles and it was observed that the radiopharmacist and support staff were successful in ensuring that radiopharmaceutical and instrument quality control testing were conducted according to procedure and in a timely fashion.

The inspector observed that the licensee's policy and procedures regarding its written quality management program adequately addressed the objectives

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specified in 10 CFR 35.32 to provide high confidence that byproduct material is administered as directed by the authorized user.

During the exit briefing with licensee management, the inspector emphasized the importance of management's role in maintaining adequately trained and experienced personnel in key radiation safety positions and maintaining staffing levels to ensure that adequate radiation safety program continuity is maintained during frequent personnel changes.

Also reviewed were the actions you had taken with respect to the violations observed during our previous inspection conducted on January 28-29, 1993. The inspection verified that the corrective actions for these violations had been implemented as stated in your reply dated March 22, 1993, and that these actions were effective.

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

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact the inspector identified above at (817) 860-8100.

Sincerely,

Charles I. Cary

Charles L. Cain. Chief Nuclear Materials Inspection Branch

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Texas Radiation Control Program Director

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