License No. 46-00990-01

Veterans Administration Hospital 4435 Beacon Avenue, South Seattle, Washington 98108

Attention: Mr. Jerome R. Dolezal

Director

Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC Inspection

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. J. F. Pang of this office on November 8 and 9, 1982 of activities authorized by NRC License No.46-00990-01and to the discussion of our findings held by Mr. Pang with Dr. S. Larson and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

During this inspection, it was found that certain of your activities appeared to be in noncompliance with NRC requirements. The items and references to the pertinent requirements are listed in Appendix A. These items have been categorized into severity levels as described in the NRC Enforcement Policy (10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C) 47 FR 9987 (March 9, 1982).

The findings from this inspection, as well as the one conducted during October 25, 1979 indicate one repetitive item of noncompliance (see Appendix A, Item A(4)).

We are concerned about the repetitive nature of the item of noncompliance observed during our inspections. In addition to the need for corrective action regarding the specific items of noncompliance included in Appendix A, we are concerned about the implementation of your management control system that allowed this repetitive item of noncompliance to recur. Consequently, in your reply you should describe in particular those actions taken or planned to improve the effectiveness of your overall management control system.

Your response to this Notice is to be submitted in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201 as stated in Appendix A. Notice of Violation.

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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.

If you have any questions on this matter or concerning this inspection, please telephone Mr. Pang on 415-943-3700.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

George S. Spencer, Director Division of Radiological Safety and Safeguards Program

Enclosure:
A. Notice of Violation - Appendix A

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