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V. A. Medical Center  
ATTN: Steven Klienglass  
Director  
One Veterans Drive  
Minneapolis, MN 55417

License No. 22-01859-01  
Docket No. 030-02205

Dear Mr. Klienglass:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mark Mitchell of this office on March 9 and March 10, 1994, of activities authorized by NRC Byproduct Material License No. 22-01859-01, and to the discussion of our findings with you and members of your staff 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.

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.

Our inspector expressed concern that electronic calibrations were the only type of calibration conducted on the thyroid bioassay measuring system and that a source check of the system has not been conducted in several years.

In addition, our inspector expressed concern that you have not established a running inventory that would allow the RSO and management to anticipate inventory requirements and take appropriate action to maintain the inventory within the licensed possession limits.

The two concerns raised by the inspector warrant your attention. In addition to your response to the enclosed Notice, please provide a written response to this letter and include for each concern; (1) an analysis of the root cause of the problem, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, and (3) the steps that will be taken to avoid further problems.

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.

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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  
John D. Jones, Acting Chief  
Nuclear Materials Inspection  
Section 2

Enclosure: Notice  
of Violation

cc: Tom Hensch, RSO  
Milton Gross, M.D.

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