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Docket No. 030-12483
License No. 52-17273-01

Caguas Sono-Nuclear and Vascular Center
ATTN: Carmen Cabellero, M.D.
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Caguas, Puerto Rico 00626

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 52-17273-01/87-01)

This refers to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection conducted by M. P. Elliott on November 18, 1987, at Caguas Sono-Nuclear and Vascular Center. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with Dr. James Scott-Cora, Nuclear Medicine. NRC concerns relative to this matter were discussed via telephone on December 15, 1987, between you and W. Cline, J. Potter, and M. Elliott of NRC.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license with respect to radiation safety and compliance with NRC regulations and the conditions of your license. It included selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and direct observations by the inspector.

The inspection findings indicate that certain activities appeared to violate NRC requirements. The violations, references to pertinent requirements, and elements to be included in your response are described in the enclosed Notice of Violation.

In addition to the need for corrective action regarding the specific matters identified in the enclosed Notice, we are concerned about the implementation of your byproduct material program that permitted this situation to develop. Consequently, your response should describe those particular actions taken or planned to improve the effectiveness of your program.

Continued violation of NRC requirements may result in your being considered for escalated enforcement action. For your information, under NRC's 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C--"General Statement of Policy Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," escalated enforcement may include: civil penalties; orders modifying, suspending, or revoking licenses; or an order to cease and desist certain activities.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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The responses directed by this letter and its enclosures are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-511.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,



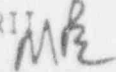
J. Philip Stohr, Director
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosures:


1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report

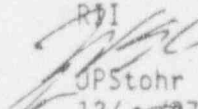
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