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Gentlemen:

This letter is in response to your NOTICE OF VIOLATION LETTER dated 10 January 1994, regarding the NRC Inspection on December 14 through December 16, 1993, of the Deaconess Hospital.

On 20 January 1994, a memo was sent to the Principle Investigator whose laboratory was sited by the NRC for having full beverage containers in the laboratory. In addition, a memo was sent to all Principle Investigators informing them of the NRC Inspection and the violation. Copies of the memos are enclosed.

The memos stated that if any additional evidence of eating in the laboratories was observed by the RSO staff, the principle investigator would be required to appear before the RSC to explain the reasons for non-compliance.

If you have any additional questions, please contact me.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Philip Cobb, M.P.H.
Radiation Safety Officer

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To: Investigators Principal
From: NEDH Radiation Safety Office
Date: January 20, 1994
Subject: Food in radioactive research laboratories

During the December NRC inspection it was noted that there were several indications that food had been consumed in a radioactive research laboratory. This is in violation of the NEDH NRC License. The NEDH Radiation Safety Manual under "General Rules for Radioisotope Use" section 5.1 (4) states that "there shall not be any eating, drinking, smoking or applying of cosmetics in a radioactive research laboratory". Please stress with your laboratory personnel that they must not consume or have any evidence of food consumption in the laboratories using radioactive materials.

The NEDH Radiation Safety Office will monitor this situation with periodic walk through inspections. Any principle investigator who's laboratory is in violation of this section will have to appear before the Radiation Safety Committee at it next scheduled meeting. If the Radiation Safety Office can be of any assistance or if you have any questions regarding this matter please contact us at 2-8509.

To: Dr. Armour Forse, M.D.
From: NEDH Radiation Safety Office
Date: January 20, 1994
Subject: December NRC Inspection Findings

During the December NRC inspection in your laboratory (CRI 306) it was noted that there were several indications that food and drink had been consumed in this laboratory area. In that this situation has been found in this area in the past by the Radiation Safety Office this is to notify you that any subsequent violations will mean that you will be required to appear before the NEDH Radiation Safety Committee at their next scheduled meeting. This situation has been brought to the attention of your lab personnel and will be monitored by Radiation Safety.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact the Radiation Safety Office at 2-8509.

CC: Dr. Peter Burke, M.D.