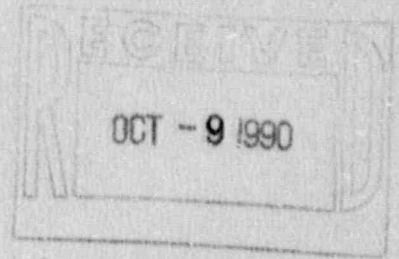




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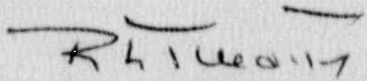
Re: Docket: 030-02409/90-01
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Dear Mr. Beach:

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, the following reply is submitted to the "Notice of Violation" for our NRC inspection conducted on August 21, 1990.

Violation 1: The Nuclear Medicine Technologist was aware of the requirement that radioactive material must be secured from unauthorized removal while not under his surveillance, but was called away from the area for a short time and neglected to lock the Suite. Since the occurrence, the importance of locking the area while unattended was again impressed upon the two Technologists. The area containing the radioactive material is in the back part of the laboratory suite and we have taken immediate steps to install a partition with a door, door closer and snap lock so that this area can be locked and segregated from the rest of the Nuclear Medicine Suite. Upon leaving the area containing the radioactive material the door will automatically lock and must be opened with a key in order to reenter. We have obligated the funds for this project in the current fiscal year, however the completion date will depend on the contractor. In the interim we will make unannounced inspections to assure that the regulation is complied with.

Sincerely yours,


R.L. TURCOTTE
Director

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