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Dear Mr. Shanbaky:

I am responding to your letter of September 26, 1990, relating to Routine Inspection No. 030-10233/90-001, License No. 37-16031-01. The inspection was conducted on August 28, 1990, by Steven Courtemanche and Mary Cahill from your office. As a result of that, two recommendations resulted. The first of these is as follows:

Appendix G of Regulatory Guide 10.8, Revision 1, requires, in part, that licensee personnel wear laboratory coats or other protective clothing at all times where radioactive materials are used.

Contrary to the above, on August 28, 1990, licensee personnel did not wear laboratory coats or other protective clothing at all times where radioactive materials were used.

This is a Severity Level IV violation.

Response:

The dress code policy in the Radiology and Nuclear Medicine Department has been revised to reflect the fact that the wearing of the lab coat during an injection procedure is required.

The second recommendation was as follows:

Appendix G of Regulatory Guide 10.8, Revision 1, requires, in part, that the licensee not store food, drink, or personal effects in areas where radioactive material is stored or used.

Contrary to the above, on August 28, 1990, the licensee stored a drink in an area where radioactive material was used. Specifically, the licensee stored a cup of ice tea in the Nuclear Medicine Department, in an area where radioactive material was administered and radioactive waste was stored.

This is a Severity Level IV violation.

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Response:

The Nuclear Medicine Safety policies which presently advise against eating or drinking in the area will be revised to prohibit food and beverages in the Nuclear Medicine Department. The department director has also met with nuclear medicine personnel and advised them that this policy will be strictly enforced. Any violation of the policy in this regard will call forth our routine discipline procedures as outlined in our employee handbook.

Thank you for your attention to this. If you have any further questions, feel free to address them to me at the above address or contact me at (412) 323-5614.

Sincerely,

Sister Mary Traupman

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