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Docket No. 030-03253
License No. 41-00119-08

Veterans Affairs Medical Center
ATTN: Mr. Kenneth Mulholland
Director
1030 Jefferson Avenue
Memphis, TN 38104

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC REPORT NO. 41-00119-08/90-01)

This refers to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection conducted by Mr. J. Pelchat of this office on September 18, 1990. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your facility. The report of the inspection was sent to you by letter dated October 10, 1990. As a result of the inspection, a significant failure to comply with NRC regulatory requirements was identified, and accordingly, NRC concerns relative to the inspection findings were discussed in an Enforcement Conference held at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center on October 18, 1990. A summary of this Enforcement Conference is provided in Enclosure 2.

Based on the results of the inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the attached Notice of Violation (Notice).

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the Notice, Enclosure 1, when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions and any additional action you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC requirements.

In addition to the need for corrective actions regarding the specific matters identified in the enclosed Notice, collectively the violations indicate a need for increased management oversight of licensed activities, increased knowledge of regulatory requirements on the part of the Associate Radiation Safety Officer and others involved in the radiation safety program and increased control of the program by the Radiation Safety Officer and Radiation Safety Committee. Consequently, your response to the Notice should also discuss the specific actions taken or planned to address these areas and to improve the overall effectiveness of your radiation safety program.

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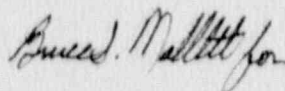
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The responses to this letter and its enclosures are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-511.

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. Enforcement Conference Summary
3. Enforcement Conference Attendees
4. Licensee's List of Proposed and Completed Corrective Actions

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