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Woodward Hospital and Health Center
ATTN: Robert Berry
Administrator
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the special, unannounced radiation safety inspection conducted by Ms. L. L. Kasner of this office on October 12, 1990, of the activities authorized by NRC Byproduct Material License No. 35-21269-01, and to the discussion of our findings held by the inspector with the hospital administrator, the radiation safety officer (RSO), and members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspection was conducted in response to NRC's notification by Woodward Hospital and Health Center (WHHC) of the improper transfer of licensed material from Newman Memorial Hospital to an individual who was an unauthorized recipient. This individual subsequently transported the material to WHHC, having been referred as a patient to the WHHC emergency room for medical care.

As noted by the inspector, the RSO and technical staff had taken the necessary steps to determine the extent of the contamination which occurred during transport of the material, promptly implemented decontamination procedures for the two individuals whose hands were contaminated while transporting the material, and properly documented the survey results and actions taken. The prompt response of both the RSO and department director served to limit the potential further contamination of both the individuals and the WHHC emergency room facilities. We commend the actions taken by your staff and the RSO in providing prompt notification of this incident to NRC.

During the inspection, the RSO reviewed a proposed "Policy for Interhospital Transfer" of radiopharmaceuticals for emergency use which had been drafted by WHHC's physics consultant. As reviewed during the exit briefing, the implementation of such a policy would necessitate amendment of both facility's NRC license to exempt each from the requirements of 10 CFR 35.49. You should request and receive authorization for such transfers prior to implementing this policy.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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Please note that no violations were identified during this inspection and no response to this letter is required. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

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A. Bill Beach, Director
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

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