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Veterans Administration Medical Center ATTN: Carl J. Gerber, M.D. Medical Center Director Fort Meade, South Dakota 57741

Gentlemen:

This refers to the announced, initial radiation safety inspection conducted by Messrs. Anthony D. Gaines and Gilbert L. Guerra, Jr. of this office on November 11, 1990, of the activities authorized by NRC Byproduct Material License No. 40-27013-01, and to the discussion of our findings held by the inspectors with members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspection was an examination of the activities conducted under the license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and the conditions of the license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews of personnel, independent measurements, and observations by the inspectors.

No violations or deviations were identified.

The inspectors found your radiation safety program to be adequately staffed and the staff to be knowledgeable of NRC regulations. During the inspection, the inspectors discussed with you: (1) the safety aspects of your ?:censed activities and compliance with regulatory requirements, (2) the NRC and BOT requirements, (3) the licensee's commitments made during the licensing process, and (4) the NRC enforcement policy.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

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

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