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Docket No. 30-02473

License No. 29-03438-01

Newcomb Hospital
ATTN: Mr. Dan Rex
President
65 South State Street
Vineland, New Jersey 08360

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection No. 82-01

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mrs. Teresa Hall Darden of this office on September 1, 1982, of activities authorized by NRC License No. 29-03438-01 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mrs. Darden with yourself, Ms. J. Benowitz and Mr. L. Mitchell of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

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

Our inspector also verified the steps you have taken to correct the violation brought to your attention in the enclosure to our letter dated October 15, 1979. We have no further questions regarding your action at this time.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that certain of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. These violations have been categorized by severity level in accordance with the NRC Enforcement policy (10 CFR 2, Appendix C) published in the Federal Register Notice (47 FR 9987) dated March 9, 1982. You are required to respond to this letter; and, in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

Item A described in the attached Notice of Violation, involving control of licensed material, is classified as a Severity Level IV violation. As indicated in Supplement IV of the NRC Enforcement Policy, significant violations of this type are normally classified as Severity Level III. However, after careful consideration of the factors involved in this specific instance, including the fact that the impact on the health and safety of the public was minimal and remote since removal of the unsecured material was unlikely, we have exercised our judgement under the NRC Enforcement Policy and have classified this violation as a Severity Level IV. Similar violations of this type in the future may result in additional enforcement action.

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From the discussions of our findings at the conclusion of the inspection, we understand that you plan to increase shielding in the Radioisotope Hot Laboratory so that radiation levels in the adjacent unrestricted lavatory are minimized. We also understand that you plan to request that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region I, Materials Program Section No. 2, 631 Park Avenue, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406, amend your license to authorize Dr. Ramaa Atraya to be a user on you license. Please confirm our understandings in your reply to this letter.

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and your reply will be placed in the Public Document Room.

Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
John D. Kinneman

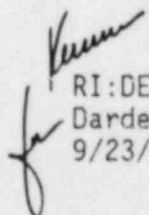



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Enclosure:
Appendix A, Notice of Violation

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Public Document Room (PDR)
Nuclear Safety Information Center (NSIC)
State of New Jersey

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