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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: REPLY TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 47-23066-02/90-01)

This is in response to your letter of 9 November 1990 and accompanying notice of violation (Docket No. 030-20233, License No. 47-23066-02). The notice of violation indicates that "surveys with a radiation detection survey instrument" were not performed at the end of each day when radiopharmaceuticals were prepared and used on weekends. We do not contest the accuracy of this statement. The violation appears to have taken place because of a lack of awareness on the part of the Nuclear Medicine technologists and Radiation Safety personnel following up on them. Nuclear Medicine routinely surveys at the end of each normal working day, but on weekends there are no scheduled patients, only emergency cases. Since it was not viewed as a workday by them, they did not survey. Our policies have already been changed to ensure that regular surveys are conducted on all days that radiopharmaceuticals are prepared and administered. In addition, the Radiation Safety Office in its monthly check of Nuclear Medicine records has begun to check survey records for weekends and follow up on any lapses. We believe that we are back in full compliance at this time.

Should you need any further information, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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