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License No. 34-06295-03
EA 82-89

Blanchard Valley Hospital
ATTN: Mr. William Ruse
President
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the special safety inspection conducted by Mr. R. E. Burgin of our staff on April 19, 1982 of activities authorized by NRC Byproduct Material License No. 34-06295-03. The results of the inspection were discussed on May 28, 1982 during an enforcement conference at Blanchard Valley Hospital between you and others of your staff and Messrs. A. B. Davis and D. G. Wiedeman of the NRC staff.

The findings of the inspection showed that licensee management failed to ensure that an individual working in a restricted area would not receive a radiation dose in excess of regulatory limits. In addition, after an overexposure of an individual, the occurrence was not reported to the NRC on a timely basis.

In order to emphasize the responsibility of licensees to properly control their licensed programs, we propose to impose civil penalties for the violations set forth in the Notice of Violation. These items have been categorized as Severity Level II violations in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy published in the Federal Register 47 FR 9987 (March 9, 1982). In assessing these civil penalties, we gave consideration not only to the circumstances of the violations described above but also to the financial matters discussed in your June 7, 1982 letter.

In that letter you indicated that the penalty contemplated under the NRC Enforcement Policy would significantly exceed the hospital's yearly income derived from the use of the licensed material. After consultation with the Director of the Office of Inspection and Enforcement, I have been authorized to issue the enclosed Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalties in the cumulative amount of One Thousand Dollars.

In preparing your required response, you should follow the instructions specified in the Notice which is enclosed with this letter. You should give particular attention to those actions that will be taken by management to ensure compliance with NRC requirements. Your reply and the results of future inspections will be considered in determining whether further enforcement action is appropriate.

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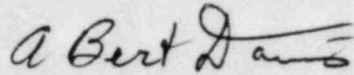
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The responses directed by this letter and the enclosure are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Sincerely,



for James G. Keppler
Regional Administrator

Enclosure: Notice of Violation
and Proposed Imposition of
Civil Penalties

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