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In Reply Refer To:  
License: 17-12273-01  
Docket: 030-01757/90-01

Veterans Administration  
Medical Center  
ATTN: Robert Dawson, Director  
510 East Stoner Avenue  
Shreveport, Louisiana 71130

Gentlemen:

This refers to the special, unannounced, partial radiation safety inspection conducted by Messrs. Selvan Rajendran and Gilbert L. Guerra, Jr. of this office on October 19, 1990, of activities authorized by NRC Byproduct Material License No. 17-12273-01, and to the discussion of our findings held by the inspector with members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspection was to examine actions taken to evaluate the dose to an individual whose film badge had been overexposed. The inspectors determined that the dose to the individual had been properly evaluated.

During this inspection, certain of your activities were found not to have been conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements. A shipping paper is required for each transport of radioactive material, whether transported by the licensee in its own vehicles or delivered to a common carrier for transport. A properly certified shipping paper is an indicator of compliance with DOT regulations and is of prime importance to authorities in case of an accident, loss, or theft. A shipping paper was not routinely prepared for transporting radioactive material from the medical school to your facility as required by 49 CFR 172.202-203. However, in accordance with Section V.G.1. of the NRC Enforcement Policy, no citation is being issued for this violation, which had been discovered by your staff and was being corrected. The radiation safety officer (RSO), who was in the process of preparing the shipping paper at the time of the inspection, had stopped all shipments from the medical school to the facility until the proper documents were prepared.

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:  
LAWRENCE A. YANDELL

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

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Louisiana Radiation Control Program Director

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