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In Reply Refer To:
License: 17-01322-07
Docket: 030-15040/90-01

Veterans Administration Medical Center
ATTN: John D. Church, Jr., Director
1601 Perdido Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70146

Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine, unannounced radiation safety inspection conducted by Messrs. Selvan Rajendran and Gilbert L. Guerra, Jr., of this office on November 1-2, 1990, of activities authorized by NRC Byproduct Material License No. 17-01322-07, 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 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.

The inspectors reviewed the organization of both nuclear medicine and research departments. The radiation safety programs for both the areas appeared to be adequate and the radiation safety officer (RSO) seemed to be knowledgeable about both programs. However, we are concerned that violations of NRC regulations and your license continue to occur. In responding to this letter, please address actions to be taken to prevent future violations.

During this inspection, certain of your activities were found not to be conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements. Consequently, you are required to respond to this matter in writing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Your response should be based on the specifics contained in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter.

The inspectors also reviewed actions you had taken with respect to the violations observed during our previous inspection conducted on August 9-10, 1989. They verified that corrective actions for the cited violations had been implemented as stated in your replies dated September 13 and November 15, 1989, and January 12, 1990.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The response directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice is 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.

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

Sincerely,
Original Signed By:
A. B. BEACH

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

Enclosure:
Appendix - Notice of Violation

cc:
Louisiana Radiation Control Program Director

bcc:
DMB - Original (IE-07)
RDMartin
ABBeach
LAYandell
MRodriguez, OC/LFDCB (4503)
*WLFisher
*CLCain
*SRajendran
*GGuerra
*NMSIS
*MIS System
*RIV Files (2)
*RSTS Operator
*REHall, URFO

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