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Dear Sir:

Re: License Nos. 19-01058-01  
19-01058-02

SUBJ: Response to Notice of Violation pursuant to inspection  
Nos. 030-01739/90-001 and 030-31064/90-001

1. In reference to the recently received Notice of Violation, I offer the following explanations.

a. A purchase request has been initiated to obtain the appropriate survey meter that will detect dose rates as low as .1 millirem per hour. This instrument will be used by Nuclear Medicine personnel to make the appropriate surveys so that further violations should not occur. I anticipate receipt of this survey meter within the next 30 days. As soon as it is received, proper surveys will begin.

b. Regarding the contamination above trigger level in Room 1 of Building 16, this was discovered in a sink which was appropriately identified with radioactive materials labels. We were under the impression that the labeling met the requirements. However, as soon as your inspector indicated that was not appropriate, a decontamination solution was used and the sink appropriately cleaned. This violation has been totally corrected and our Health Physicist Consultant will be asked to specifically check this area for validation of compliance.

c. Supervisory personnel in the RIA laboratory have assured me that the wipe survey records have been changed from counts per minute to disintegrations per minute. This brings the area in complete compliance with the regulation. The area will be monitored by our Health Physicist Consultant and Radiation Safety Officer to ensure continued compliance.

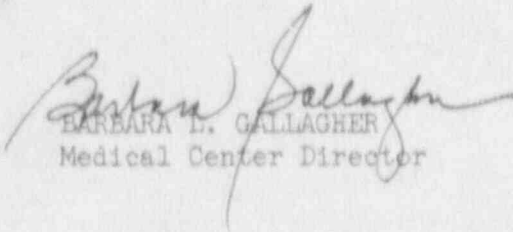
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2. I trust this addresses all the concerns. However, should there be further questions please contact us.

Sincerely yours,

  
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Medical Center Director

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