

MIDDLESEX MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
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Docket No. 030-01242

License No. 06-00649-03

ATTN: Mr. Mohamed M. Shanbaky, Chief Nuclear Materials
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
476 Allendale Road
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

Gentlemen:

Subject: Response to violations cited in Routine inspection
No. 030-01242/90-001

Violation A:

The Radiation Safety Committee had not meet during the third quarter of 1987 or in the first and second quarters of 1989. The later two meetings were missed during the hospital's search for a new physicist. The Radiation Safety Committee (RSC) has meet in a timely fashion since the third quarter of 1989 to the present.

To prevent future occurrences the responsibility for organizing the Radiation Safety Committee Meetings has been expressly delegated to the Hospital Physicist. In the absence of a Hospital Physicist this duty falls to the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO).

In the event of a Hospital Physicist who also serves as a RSO leaving the institution, a new RSO must be named by the Radiation Safety Committee. The responsibility for organizing timely RSC meetings would then rest with the new RSO.

Additionally the Department of Radiology Secretary shall maintain a "tickler file" to remind the Physicist or RSO that a meeting is due.

Violation B:

Weekly Removable Contamination Surveys (wipe tests) had been suspended during the period May 13, 1989 to August 1, 1989 on the advice of the then consulting physicist. The consultant had mistakenly understood that regulations had changed allowing the suspension of such testing when geiger counter surveys were within trigger levels.

The Nuclear Medicine Technologists feeling that this was mis-information, reinstated the weekly wipe testing August 18, 1989.

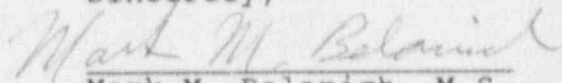
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We at Middlesex Memorial Hospital, thank Mr. Steven Courtemanche for his visit and helpful recommendations. We have been in compliance since August 24, 1989.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Hospital Physicist

cc: Howard Rosenbaum, M.D., RSO
Kenneth Bird, M.D., Radiology Chairman
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