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Docket No. 030-16083
License No. 52-19112-01

Matilde Brenes Hospital
ATTN: Manuel J. Vazquez
Hospital Administrator
J.9 Betances Avenue
Bayamon, Puerto Rico 00619

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 52-19112-01/92-01)

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. J. Henson and Mr. M. Fuller of this office on April 1, 1992. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Bayamon, Puerto Rico facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with you.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license with respect to radiation safety and compliance with NRC regulations and the conditions of your license. It included selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel and direct observations by the inspector.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC Requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation.

Violation C. described in the enclosed Notice is similar to a violation contained in the Notice sent to you by our letter dated March 7, 1990. Recurring violations are of particular concern because the NRC expects licensees to learn from their past failures and to take effective corrective actions. Although NRC does not normally consider monetary civil penalties for Severity Level IV violations, the Enforcement Policy states that such penalties may be imposed for Severity Level IV violations that are similar to previous violations for which the licensee did not take effective corrective action. In this case, we have decided not to hold an enforcement conference nor to propose a civil penalty because of the prompt attention given to correcting the violation. In your response to the enclosed Notice, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. We will review your response, including your proposed corrective actions, and the results of future inspections to determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

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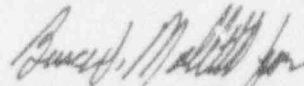
You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96.511.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,



J. Philip Stohr, Director
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosure:
Notice of Violation

cc w/encl:
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico