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Director, Office of Enforcement  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region I  
475 Allendale Road  
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

Re: Reply to a Notice of Violation

Gentlemen:

Please find enclosed the District of Columbia General Hospital's response to your Notice of Violation concerning the activities authorized under NRC License Nos. 08-04289-06 and 08-04289-08. Our response to the report is based on violations of NRC requirements identified during a NRC inspection conducted on June 6, 1988.

The Hospital is currently in compliance with the requirement of 10 CFR 30.9(a). We do appreciate the Commission's decision not to apply a civil penalty to the Hospital for this violation.

In the future, the Hospital's management will steadfastly work to ensure compliance of NRC regulatory requirements for all license activities.

If you have any questions or additional information, please contact Dr. W. Paul Walker, Jr., Chairman, Department of Radiology and Nuclear Medicine.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawrence B. Johnson".

Lawrence B. Johnson, M.D.  
Medical Director

cc: Mark Chastang  
W. Paul Walker, Jr., M.D.  
Thomas T. Martin  
Regional Administrator, NRC

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Docket Nos. 030-01324  
030-12537

License Nos. 08-04289-06  
08-04289-08

REPLY TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION

The District of Columbia General Hospital submits the following statements in response to a Notice of Violation.

Violation Identifier Code

On June 6, 1988, the Hospital's Medical Physicist was not accurate in all material respects when providing information to the NRC.

Statement and/or Explanation

The Hospital admitted in a previous report to NRC that the teletherapy unit radiation monitor was not working due to construction activities in the area. The contradictory statements made by the Medical Physicist concerning the status of the radiation monitor, was done without the knowledge and approval of the Radiation Safety Officer and Hospital management.

The altering of the monthly spot check report was done without the knowledge and approval of the Radiation Safety Officer and Hospital management.

The District of Columbia General Hospital is committed to providing complete and accurate information to NRC according to all license requirements. After the June 6, 1988 inspection, the Hospital immediately applied and obtained NRC approval for Dr. James Deye to perform monthly spot checks on the teletherapy unit. The Hospital's Medical Physicist was removed from all responsibility of supervising the teletherapy unit.

The Medical Physicist is no longer employed by the Hospital and the teletherapy unit has been decommissioned.

In the future, all reports pertaining to license activities will be closely monitored by the RSO. The Hospital will continue to cooperate fully with NRC and provide accurate facts and information when required.

The Hospital is currently in compliance with 10 CFR 30.9(a).