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222 Richmond Avenue  
Batavia NY 14020

In Reply Refer To:

December 14, 1993

Docket No. 030-09204

License No. 31-08946-02

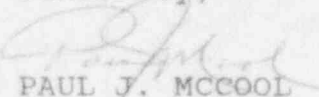
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
ATTN: Jenny M. Johansen, Chief  
Medical Inspection Section  
Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards  
Region I  
475 Allendale Road  
King of Prussia, PA 19406-1415

Dear Ms. Johansen:

Subject: Routine Inspection No. 030-09204/93-001

Enclosed is my revised response to item B regarding the linearity testing of our dose calibrator. My original response addressed the requirement to perform linearity quarterly but overlooked the linearity testing requirement after installation. I have therefore revised our response to conform to appendix C to Regulatory guide 10.8, revision 2.

Sincerely,

  
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REPLY TO A NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Veterans Administration Medical Center  
Batavia, New York 14020

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RE: Docket No. 030-09204  
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B. Violation:

10 CFR 35.50 (b)(3) requires, in part, that a licensee test the dose calibrator at installation for linearity.

Contrary to the above, the licensee did not test the dose calibrator for linearity at installation. Specifically, the dose calibrator was received back from service and reinstalled on June 28, 1993, and a linearity test was not performed.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement VI).

Reason for the Violation:

1. We shipped our Capintec CRC-30 BC dose calibrator to the manufacturer for recommended scheduled maintenance. After the dose calibrator was returned on June 28, my technologist departed for two weeks of military duty. When he returned, I left for a week vacation and my technologist took a week vacation the following week. Due to these circumstances, we were delayed in performing the linearity test. We have since performed the linearity test and enclosed a copy. With the exception of this lapse, our linearity testing has been performed within the required quarterly schedule since my technologist and I have been working here. In the future, we shall perform linearity testing quarterly with no exception and this will be strictly enforced by the Radiation Safety Officer. Appendix C attached.

Corrective Steps:

1. In the future, we shall perform linearity testing quarterly and upon installation with no exception and this will be strictly enforced by the Radiation Safety Officer. The dose calibrator will not be used unless the linearity results meet necessary specifications.

Date when compliance will be achieved:

The corrective steps noted above have been implemented.