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Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, West Los Angeles ATTN: Kenneth Clark Director Wilshire and Sawtelle Boulevards Los Angeles, California 90073

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NOTICES OF VIOLATION

Thank you for your letters dated January 20 and April 22, 1994, forwarded via the V.A. Medical Center in St. Louis, Missouri, in response to our letters and Notices of Violations dated December 20, 1993, and March 15, 1994. As a result of our review, we find that additional information is needed, as discussed with your Dr. John Basinski, Radiation Safety Officer, during a telephone call on May 17, 1994.

During this discussion, we pointed out that we had deferred our review of your January 20, 1994, response because of the potential relationship of the December violation to those identified during a February 1994 inspection. Also, it was established that your response to both Notices of Violation did not fully address the reasons for the violations or clearly provide the date when full compliance was achieved. In order to provide a lasting corrective action, it is imperative that the reasons for the violations be fully identified and addressed. As discussed with Dr. Basinski, you need to augment both replies to address the reasons for the violations and any additional corrective actions identified as a result of these reasons and a clear date of when compliance was or will be achieved.

Please provide the additional information within 3) days from the receipt of this letter so we may continue our review of this matter.

Sincerely, James I. Montformary

Frank A. Wenslawska, Chief Materials Branch

cc: F. Herbig Health Physics Program

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