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In Reply Refer To:
License: 33-15145-03
Docket: 030-18950/90-01

Veterans Administration Medical
and Regional Office Center
Attn: Donald H. Colston
Center Director
Fargo, North Dakota 58102

Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine, unannounced radiation safety inspection conducted by Mr. Selvan Rajendran of this office on November 28 and 30, 1990, of activities authorized by NRC Byproduct Material License No. 33-15145-03, and to the discussion of our findings held by the inspector with members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under the license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and the conditions of the license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews of personnel, independent measurements, and observations by the inspector.

The inspector observed that the overall radiation safety program appears to be adequate. Also he noted that you have designated many of the radiation safety officers' (RSO) duties to be performed by your consulting medical physicist and your technologist. Although the performance of these tasks may be designated to another individual and subsequently reviewed by the RSO, it must be emphasized that the RSO is responsible for the overall effectiveness and compliance of the radiation safety program with the Commission's rules and regulations and the conditions of your license.

During this inspection, certain of your activities were found not to be conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements. Consequently, you are required to respond to this matter in writing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Your response should be based on the specifics contained in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosure, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The response directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
LAWRENCE A. YANDELL
A. Bill Beach, Director
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosure:
Appendix - Notice of Violation

cc:
North Dakota Radiation Control Program Director

bcc:
DMB - Original (IE-07)
RDMartin
ABBeach
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MRodriguez, OC/LFDCB (4503)
*WLFisher
*CLCain
*SRajendran
*NMLS
*MIS System
*RIV Files (2)
*RSTS Operator
*REHall, URFO

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