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Docket: 030-09472
License: 15-15618-01

Department of Veterans Affairs
Medical and Regional Office
ATTN: Gary L. Campbell
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 030-09472/94-01 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the routine, unannounced inspection conducted by Mr. Gilbert L. Guerra, Jr., of this office on July 27-28 and August 2, 1994. The inspection included a review of activities authorized by Byproduct Materials License 15-15618-01. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with members of your staff.

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, and observation of activities in progress.

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 (Notice).

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.

Two violations were identified involving transportation activities and receipt of radioactive material. The first violation involved a failure to perform package receipt surveys as described below. The inspector found that material used at the Veterans Affairs research facility was received from vendors following initial receipt at another hospital, which is separate from the Veterans Affairs campus. Although package receipt surveys were performed at the hospital, the packages were not surveyed following receipt at the Veterans Affairs research facility. The fact that packages underwent transportation from the hospital to the Veterans Affairs research facility requires that receipt surveys also be conducted by your staff.

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A second violation involving a failure to prepare shipping papers was also identified; however, this violation was attributed to the hospital transferring radioactive material to the Veterans Affairs campus. Because the hospital possesses and uses byproduct material under the authority of a Kansas Radioactive Materials License, this item will be referred to the Kansas radiation control program.

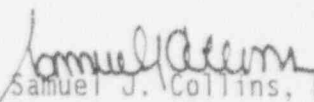
The inspector also reviewed the actions you had taken with respect to the violations observed during our previous inspection conducted on August 28, 1989. Three violations were identified involving NRC requirements specified in 10 CFR Part 35, "Medical Use of Byproduct Material." Although NRC License 15-15618-01 has been modified such that it no longer applies to the medical use of byproduct material, the inspector verified that the violations had been corrected as stated in your reply dated October 20, 1989.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC 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 the inspector identified above at (817) 860-8100.

Sincerely,


Samuel J. Collins, Director
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosure:
Appendix - Notice of Violation

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