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In Reply Refer To:
License No.: 35-00526-04
Docket No.: 30-02873/91-01

Veterans Administration Medical Center
ATTN: Robert F. Tipton
Associate Director
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine, unannounced radiation safety inspection conducted by Ms. L. L. Kasner of this office on January 15-17, 1991, of the activities authorized by NRC Byproduct material License No. 35-00526-04, and to the discussion of the inspection findings held by the inspector with the administrative representative, radiation safety committee (RSC) chairman, radiation safety officer (RSO), and the chief of service for nuclear medicine at the conclusion of the inspection. The enclosed NRC Inspection Report 30-02873/91-01 documents this inspection.

The inspection was an examination of the 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.

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. In preparing your response, please refer to the instructions provided in the Notice.

In addition to those violations described in the Notice, the inspection revealed another violation of license requirements. However, in accordance with Section V.G.1 of the NRC's Enforcement Policy, (10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C), no citation is being issued for this violation. The violation is identified in the enclosed inspection report.

The inspector observed that the radiation safety program had been the subject of closer review subsequent to recent inspections of other programs associated with the Veterans Administration Medical Center's (VAMC) RSC. She also noted that although the RSO had been attentive to his duties, several of the violations observed during this inspection were similar in nature to those

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observed in other programs managed by this RSC and had remained unrecognized subsequent to previous identification by NRC. Although the independent violations do not represent a significant safety risk, collectively, they evidence a need for the RSC to focus further attention to the daily operations of each program and to implement program reviews of sufficient detail to identify further occurrence of previously noted violations.

During the inspection, the inspector also discussed with licensee representatives a future management conference, requested by NRC, to review the joint activities of programs managed by the RSC. You will be contacted at a future date regarding your participation and the scheduling of the conference date.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, 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:

A. B. BEACH

A. Bill Beach, Director
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report
30-02873/91-01

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