

September 28, 1994

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Medical Center  
ATTN: Mr. William Mountcastle  
Medical Center Director  
700 South 19th Street  
Birmingham, Alabama 35233

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATORY ORDER MODIFYING LICENSE

Gentlemen:

This refers to your letter dated September 12, 1994, asking if an NRC inspection of your facility which was conducted on September 1 and 2, 1994, could be used to fulfill the quarterly audit requirement for the third quarter of 1994. The NRC Confirmatory Order Modifying License (Order) issued by the NRC on September 13, 1993, required that an independent expert audit the licensee's radiation safety program on a quarterly basis for the first year. The audits were required to ensure that you were identifying any problems with your organization, management oversight and/or continuing compliance with NRC requirements.

Since the audits performed by your independent expert are separate and apart from the inspections of licensed activities performed by the NRC, it would not be appropriate for you to substitute the NRC inspection for your quarterly audit. Therefore, you should continue to conduct quarterly audits as specified in the requirements of the Order.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

original signed by  
J. R. Johnson

J. Philip Stohr, Director  
Division of Radiation Safety  
and Safeguards

Docket No. 030-01204  
License No. 01-00643-02  
EA Nos. 92-204 and 93-174

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