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Docket No. 030-00245  
030-01942

License No. 20-12009-03  
20-12009-01

Berkshire Medical Center  
ATTN: Ruth Blodgett  
Senior Vice President  
725 North Street  
Pittsfield, Massachusetts 01201

SUBJECT: ROUTINE INSPECTION NOS. 030-00245/94-001 AND 030-01942/94-001

Dear Ms. Blodgett:

On October 5 and 6, 1994, Ihor Czerwinskyj of this office conducted a routine safety inspection at the above address of activities authorized by the above listed NRC license. The inspection was an examination of your licensed activities as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's regulations and the license conditions. The inspection consisted of observations by the inspector, interviews with personnel, and a selective examination of representative records. In addition, our inspection examined the activities covered in your correspondence dated October 7, 1994. The findings of the inspection were discussed with you at the conclusion of the inspection.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements. A Notice of Violation is enclosed as Appendix A and categorizes each violation by severity level in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (Enforcement Policy). You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

Item A in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter was identified during a previous inspection of your licensed activities and documented in a Notice of Violation enclosed with our letter dated August 9, 1993. From this inspection, it appears that your corrective actions were not effective since this item has recurred. Recurrent and uncorrected violations are given additional weight in the consideration and selection of appropriate enforcement action. Therefore, in your response to this letter, you should give particular attention to those actions taken or planned to ensure that identified items of noncompliance will be completely corrected and will not recur.

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Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

~~Original Signed By~~

John R. McGrath, Acting Chief  
Medical Inspection Section  
Division of Radiation Safety  
and Safeguards

Enclosure:  
Appendix A, Notice of Violation

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