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Mr. Thomas A. Cappello  
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Dear Mr. Cappello:

SUBJECT: ROUTINE INSPECTION NO. 030-02978/94-001

This letter refers to your December 22, 1994 correspondence in response to our December 2, 1994 letter.

Thank you for informing us of the corrective and preventive actions documented in your letter. These actions will be examined during a future inspection of your licensed program.

No reply to this letter is required. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:  
John R. McGrath

John R. McGrath, Acting Chief  
Medical Inspection Section  
Division of Radiation Safety  
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Docket No. 030-02978  
License No. 37-01230-03

cc:  
Yingchieh Hsu, Ph.D., Radiation Safety Officer  
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In Reply Refer To:

Subject: Reply to a Notice of Violation, ROUTINE INSPECTION  
NO.030-02978-001

1. The reason for the violation

A glove contaminated with technetium-99m was placed in a receptacle designated for non-radioactive material.

2. The Corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved.

a. We have included the receptacle designated for non-radioactive material in our daily survey list.

b. Nuclear medicine technologists were reminded of monitoring of "cold" trash before disposal, both verbally and during the staff meeting. The G-M survey meter readings will be entered daily in the survey item in the survey form.

c. We have ordered an area monitor to replace the old one and it will be mounted close to the non-radioactive receptacle in room 10W138D. We have also ordered a well counter for swipes having multichannel analyzer capability, thus enabling the identification of any contaminant radionuclide.

d. The survey records have been checked by our Radiation Safety and they are in compliance.

3. The corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations.

The Radiation Safety Officer will do spot checking.

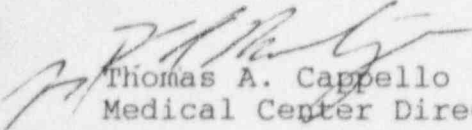
4. The date when full compliance will be achieved.

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ROUTINE INSPECTION NO.030-02978-001 (cont.)

When we obtain and install the ordered equipment--area monitor and well counter with multichannel analyzer capability. The best estimate is Feb. 1, 1995.

  
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