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Docket No. 030-32264
License No. IDA-218

Kootenai Medical Center
ATTN: J. Morris, Administrator
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 030-32264/91-01 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the routine, unannounced radiation safety inspection conducted by Mr. R. Brown of this office on August 16, 1991, of the activities authorized by NRC Byproduct Material License No. IDA-218, and to the discussion of our findings held by the inspector with members of your staff at the conclusion of the 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.

As reviewed during the inspection, due to the recent change in regulatory authority from the state of Idaho to the NRC, violations of Idaho regulations occurring prior to April 26, 1991, will not be cited by NRC. However, as an NRC licensee you are now subject to NRC regulations and in the near future your current license will be converted to adopt NRC standards. It may be to your advantage to review your current procedures and initiate changes as you believe appropriate in preparation for submission of your license application in its entirety.

The inspector noted that your nuclear medicine department performs approximately 125 procedures per month while your radiation oncology department has not performed any brachytherapy implants since April 26, 1991. It was also noted that there appeared to be a high level of management oversight involved in the use of licensed material. This was particularly encouraging in that NRC expects licensee management to be actively involved in ensuring licensed material is used safely.

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.

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