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Material Radiation Protection  
Section 1  
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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RE: License #22-01025-01 30-2198

Dear Mr. Wiedeman:

In a letter to your office dated April 28, 1983 addressing certain violations outlined in your letter of March 31, 1983, the last paragraph stated an intention to amend our license per the suggestion of Mr. James L. Lynch. This proposed amending stems from changes made in our procedure to address the correction of violations identified as items (3 and 4) in your original letter of March 31, 1983.

Presently, in complying with Item 3 in our letter dated April 28, 1983, we are performing surveys on all containers and packages delivered to Mount Sinai Hospital from the nuclear pharmacy. These are done with a survey meter at the surface and at three feet from the package. In addition, a wipe test is done on each individual pig or radioisotope containment device within this package. We would like to dispense with the wipe tests on each individual isotope dose container, provided that the overall survey is negative.

More specific information in regard to Item labeled #4 in the previously cited letter is as follows:

Room surveys are done daily using a GM survey meter to check for any excessive exposure rates. Survey is made of the hot lab, injection area, scanning area and hallways connecting these areas. Readings are recorded daily.

Wipe tests are done weekly and compared with background and counts are recorded. These wipe tests are made of the dose calibrator, the area behind the lead shield, the area in front of the lead shield, the counter in the hot lab, the sink in the hot lab, the injection table, the STAR console,

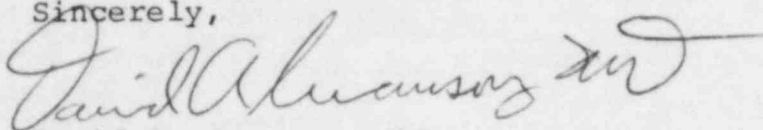
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the collimator stand, the Xenon unit, the Siemens console, the thyroid uptake probe and the desk in the scanner room.

Please advise us as to the proper procedure for attaching an amendment to our license that will eliminate, if possible, the frequent wipe tests of individual containers. This would apparently demand some rewording of Appendix F attached to our current license.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David A. Swanson", followed by a large, stylized flourish or initial.

David A. Swanson, M.D.

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