

August 12, 1997

Bluefield Regional Medical Center
ATTN: Phil Stephens, Vice President
Support Services
500 Cherry Street
Bluefield, West Virginia 24701

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 47-19142-01/97-02

Dear Mr. Stephens:

On July 22, 1997, the NRC completed an inspection of activities authorized under the Bluefield Regional Medical Center (BRMC) byproduct material license which were directly associated with the potential misadministrations you reported to the NRC on July 14, 1997. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection. The exit interview for this inspection was held with you and members of your staff on July 22, 1997.

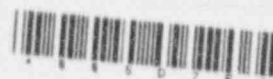
During the inspection, records were reviewed, procedures were discussed with personnel, and direct observations related to the storage of a strontium-90 eye applicator were made by the inspectors. Based on those reviews, discussions, and observations, no violations of NRC requirements were identified as discussed in the details of the report. However, we have forwarded the information obtained during the inspection regarding the potential misadministrations to the NRC's Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) for their review and determination on whether the potential misadministrations are in fact misadministrations.

The NRC found that the BRMC's efforts to identify the potential misadministrations were laudable. The NRC also determined that BRMC's response to and reporting of the potential misadministrations were in accordance with regulatory requirements.

In a letter dated July 22, 1997, your Radiation Safety Officer requested guidance on how to deal with the issue of different calibration results for your strontium-90 eye applicator. We have this issue under review and will provide you a response separately.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,

(Original signed by J. P. Potter)


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