

July 17, 1997

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Roger L. Suppes
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Dear Mr. Suppes:

This refers to a telephone contact on July 7, 1997, by Mr. Robert Reid of your staff. The purpose of the contact was to inform the NRC of three items which your staff identified as potential violations of NRC requirements identified during an ODH inspection of Licking Memorial Hospital, NRC License No. 34-17013-01, located in Newark, Ohio.

The three items described by Mr. Reid consisted of: (1) a candy wrapper in a trash container located in the licensee's Hot Lab; (2) elevated radiation levels in a red sharps container located in an imaging room; and (3) the RSO's failure to sign linearity tests quarterly. Mr. Reid indicated that the licensee was informed of the three items and that some actions were taken by the licensee to satisfy the ODH inspectors concerns prior to the ODH inspectors leaving the licensee's facility.

We appreciate receiving the information your staff provided to us and the actions taken by the licensee as a result of your findings. From a review of the information, it does not appear that there is an immediate or significant public health and safety issue. The NRC will conduct an inspection to review these issues within 6 months. Our inspection results will be provided to you in a separate correspondence.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact Michael LaFranzo at (630) 829-9865.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
Thomas J. Kozak for

Roy J. Caniano, Acting Director
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

License No. 34-17013-01
Docket No. 030-12054

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