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V. A. Medical Center  
ATTN: Mr. Johnathan F. Fitts  
Director  
Mountain Home, TN 37684

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: REPORT NO. 41-19792-01/88-01

Thank you for your response of September 7, 1988, to our Notice of Violation issued on August 15, 1988, concerning activities conducted under NRC License No. 41-19792-01. We have evaluated your response to Violations A.1 and B. and found that it meets the requirements of 10 CFR 2.201.

However, your response to Violation A.2 states that the audits have been performed. During the inspection on July 11, 1988, the NRC inspector talked with A. Paulantonio, M.D., and C. Matthews, who are members of the Radiation Safety Committee (RSC) and the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO), respectively. Neither person knew of the quarterly audits nor what was required to be included in the quarterly audit. Therefore, although the quarterly audits were performed by outside consultants, the requirement is that the RSC and the RSO will perform a quarterly review. This requirement may be satisfied by reviewing the findings of the outside consultants with supporting documentation of approval by the RSC and RSO.

We will examine the implementation of your corrective actions during future inspections. Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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