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Attention: John D. Kinneman, Chief,
Nuclear Materials Safety Section B
Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards

License No.: 29-02575-01
Docket Nos: 030-02449 and 030-00344

Dear Mr. Kinneman:

The following comments are in response to your letter of violation, dated August 17, 1988. The letter of violation was issued as a result of an inspection by your office on May 24, 1988. In this letter you identified three items of non-compliance with either the requirements of 10 CFR Part 20 or the Hospital's radioactive material licenses.

The response to the items identified in your "Notice of Violation" are in the order in which they appear in the letter.

1. The Radiation Safety Committee now meets on a routine quarterly basis. This was achieved during the latter part of 1987 and the early part of 1988 by a reorganization of the Committee. This reorganization was performed by our Hospital in order to meet with a quorum present each calendar quarter as required. The reorganized Committee includes only those members indicated in our license application and other members identified by the Committee as having a special interest, role or need in our radioactive materials program. The resultant reduction in membership on the Committee has enabled us to meet the requirement to meet each calendar quarter. The corrective actions were implemented by us prior to the inspection and therefore we were in compliance with the requirement to meet each calendar quarter at the time of inspection, as evidenced by the inspection report.
2. The response to this violation, as it relates to cesium-137 implants is found in a letter, attached.

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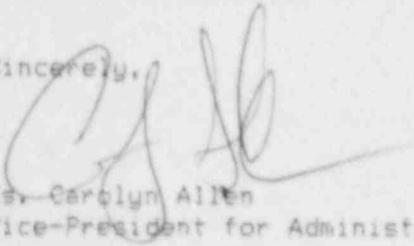
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3. Radiation surveys will now be performed in the corridor surrounding the rooms of patients containing greater than 30 millicuries of iodine-131. The forms for the surveys have been revised to include this information. The date of full compliance is the date of this letter. A survey of the corridors shall be performed during future administrations of iodine-131 in quantities greater than 30 millicuries.

The items of non-compliance have been addressed as indicated above and full compliance with the requirements of our radiation safety program was achieved prior to the date of this letter.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Ms. Carolyn Allen
Vice-President for Administration