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Dr. Gerald Bepko, Chancellor
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355 Lansing St.
Indianapolis, IN 46202

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC Inspection Report 030-01609/97001(DNMS) and Office of
Investigations Report 3-97-021)

Dear Dr. Bepko:

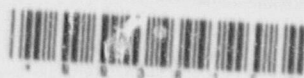
This refers to the inspection conducted between May 28 and June 5, 1997, and the investigation conducted by the NRC Office of Investigations (OI) between June 6, 1997 and October 17, 1997, at the Indiana University Medical Center (IUMC) in Indianapolis, Indiana. The inspection was conducted to review the activities authorized by License Nos. 13-02752-03 and 13-02752-08. An inspection report documenting our findings was sent to you by letter dated July 21, 1997. During the inspection an apparent violation requiring further NRC review was identified. Our review included an OI investigation. A synopsis of the OI report is enclosed.

Based on the information developed during the inspection and the OI investigation, the NRC has determined that a violation of NRC requirements occurred. The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice).

The violation resulted from three separate episodes of deliberate incorrect dating of monthly survey records by laboratory personnel. Given the willful nature of the violation, we considered escalated enforcement action. However, because IUMC staff identified each instance of record falsification in a timely manner and promptly implemented corrective actions, escalated enforcement is not being proposed. Nonetheless, deliberate violations are of significant concern to the NRC. It is essential that the NRC be able to maintain the highest trust in individuals working with licensed material, and that licensees manage their programs to ensure that personnel fully understand the importance of complying with license requirements.

The NRC is corresponding with each of the involved individuals concerning the willful violation of NRC requirements. You will receive copies of this correspondence.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.



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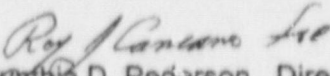
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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room. To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this matter.

Sincerely,


Cynthia D. Pederson, Director
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

License Nos.: 13-02752-03
13-02752-08

Docket Nos.: 030-01609
030-09792

Enclosures: 1. Notice of Violation
2. Synopsis of OI Report No. 97-021

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