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Docket No. 030-01244

License No. 06-00819-03

Yale-New Haven Hospital  
ATTN: Mr. Daniel McIntyre  
Associate Administrator  
20 York Street  
New Haven, Connecticut 06504

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection No. 030-01244/86-01

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. John J. Miller of this office on May 20 and 21, 1986, of activities authorized by NRC License No. 06-00819-03 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Miller with yourself, Mr. Michael Bohan and Dr. Cornelius of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and the conditions of your license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, measurements made by the inspector, and observations by the inspector.

Our inspector also verified the steps you had taken to correct the violations brought to your attention in a letter dated August 23, 1984. We have no further questions regarding the steps you took to correct items A, B, and C.1-C.4. With regard to item C.5, this item was not fully corrected.

In addition, our inspector examined those activities conducted under your license relating to the subject covered in your letter to Mr. John Kinneman dated October 7, 1985. We have no further questions regarding this matter.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that certain of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. These violations have been categorized by severity level in accordance with the revised NRC Enforcement Policy (10 CFR 2, Appendix C) published in the Federal Register Notice (49 FR 8583) dated March 8, 1984. You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

Item A.1 in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter was identified during a previous inspection of your licensed activities on June 21, 1984, and was documented in the enclosure to our letter dated August 23, 1984. From our May 20 and 21, 1986 inspection it appears that your corrective actions were not effective since this item has not been fully corrected.

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Recurrent and uncorrected violations are given additional weight in the consideration and selection of appropriate enforcement action. Therefore, in your response to this letter, you should give particular attention to those actions taken or planned to ensure that identified items of noncompliance will be completely corrected and will not recur.

From the discussion of our findings at the conclusion of the inspection, we understand that you have ordered new cesium-137 needles to replace your present needles which are badly worn and leaking slightly. If your intent differs from our understanding, please notify this office to that effect in your reply to this letter.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and your reply will be placed in the Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:  
Laurence F. Friedman, Ph.D.

John E. Glenn, Ph.D, Chief  
Nuclear Materials Safety Section E,  
Division of Radiation Safety  
and Safeguards

Enclosure: Appendix A, Notice of Violation

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