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Docket No. 030-14526

License No. 37-00062-07

Veterans Administration Medical Center
ATTN: Mr. R. T. Williams
Director
University and Woodland Avenues
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection No. 030-14526/86-01

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mrs. Marlene J. Taylor of this office on August 12, 1986 and November 24, 1986 of activities authorized by NRC License No. 37-00062-07 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mrs. Taylor with Mr. Hatsis and Ms. Snyder of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection, and to a subsequent telephone discussion between Ms. Snyder and Mrs. Taylor on August 20, 1986.

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 have taken to correct the violations brought to your attention in the enclosure to our letter dated August 13, 1985. We have no further questions regarding these matters.

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 "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (Enforcement Policy). You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A. However, since all of the violations were corrected prior to the conclusion of the inspection on November 24, 1986, you need only describe the corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further violations.

Item A described in the attached Notice of Violation, involving control of licensed material, is classified as a Severity Level IV violation. As indicated in Supplement IV of the NRC Enforcement Policy, significant violations of this type are normally classified as Severity Level III. However, after careful consideration of the factors involved in this specific instance, we have exercised our judgement under the NRC Enforcement Policy and have classified this violation as Severity Level IV. Similar violations of this type in the future may result in additional enforcement action.

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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:
John D. Kinneman


John D. Kinneman, Chief
Nuclear Materials Safety Section A,
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosure: Appendix A, Notice of Violation

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