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June 12, 1987

D. J. Sreniawski, Chief
Nuclear Material Safety
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region 3
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Dear Sir:

This letter is in response to your letter dated May 22, 1987. The Nuclear Medicine Department of Riverview Hospital, material license #22-14830-01, was found in violation of certain NRC requirements. This letter contains the actions we have taken to correct the violations.

Violation #1: Dr. Richard Blank was named Radiation Protection Officer on May 1, 1987. Dr. Blank is the chief radiologist at the Grand Forks Clinic in Grand Forks, ND which provides radiology coverage to Riverview Hospital.

Violation #2: On June 8, 1987 the Picker Deep Well Spectroscaler was re-installed in the Nuclear Medicine Department. We will be using that machine to do our area wipe tests. Due to the low number of exams this institution does, we will be doing wipe tests on days we only have patients. This was recommended by Mr. W. P. Reichhold of your office. A permanent record of wipe tests will be kept by this department.

Violation #3: This violation was corrected during the previous inspection on September 28, 1983. This was verbally transmitted to the inspector at that time, but this institution neglected to send a written notification and diagram of the specified area to your department. Room 113 is now the primary storage area for all radioactive waste in this institution. (See enclosed diagram).

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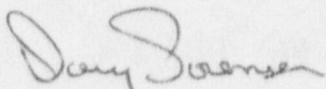
Violation #4: Due to an oversight in 1985, the dose calibrator was not checked for its accuracy. On April 30, 1987 this institution contacted Dr. Vaughn Moore, a registered nuclear physicist, about this violation. Dr. Moore confirmed that there was no accuracy check done in 1985. He has now put us on his computerized schedule so this violation should not occur again.

Also on April 30, 1987, the Nuclear Medicine Department started measuring the Cesium 137 source on all the commonly used settings. The results of these checks will be logged in the daily nuclear medicine log.

Violation #5: On May 13, 1987, Ardis Carlstrom, RN, was named to the Radiation Safety Committee.

Riverview Hospital assures the NRC that all of the above violations have been corrected and will also assure the NRC that the violations will not occur in the future.

Sincerely,



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Radiology Department

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cc: Jenny Amon
Vice President of Patient Services
Riverview Hospital

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