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In Reply Refer To:
License: IDA-278
Docket: 030-32299/91-01

Madison Memorial Hospital
ATTN: Keith M. Steiner, CEO
400 East Main Street
Rexburg, Idaho 83440

Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine, unannounced radiation safety inspection conducted by Mr. Mark R. Shaffer of this office on June 12, 1991, of the activities authorized by NRC Byproduct Material License No. IDA-278, and to the discussion of our findings held by the inspector with members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

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

As reviewed during the inspection, due to the recent change in regulatory authority from the state of Idaho to the NRC, violations of regulatory requirements which occurred prior to April 26, 1991, will not be cited by NRC. However, in addition to violations of NRC requirements which have occurred since April 26, 1991, other areas of your program were apparently not being conducted in accordance with the commitments in your license application. Additionally, the inspector identified other areas of the radiation safety program which require further attention. These items include: radiation safety committee (RSC) meeting frequency, the proper documentation and evaluation of area surveys, training requirements for ancillary personnel, daily operability checks for survey instruments, and audits of the radiation safety program by the radiation safety officer (RSO). As discussed with you during the inspection, although each of these items were not formerly addressed by Idaho regulations, they are the subject of specific NRC regulations.

As an NRC licensee, Memorial Hospital is expected to conduct its licensed activities in full compliance with NRC regulations. Therefore, we encourage that you become familiar with the specific requirements of 10 CFR Parts 19, 20, 30, and 35, and initiate the changes necessary to bring your radiation safety program into compliance. Additionally, in the near future you will be requested to resubmit the license application in its entirety in order to convert the license to adopt NRC standards. As discussed during the inspection, you may find a review of Regulatory Guide 10.8, Revision 2, useful in preparing for this license conversion.

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During this inspection, certain of your activities were found not to be conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements. Consequently, you are required to respond to this matter in writing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Your response should be based on the specifics contained in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter.

The findings of this inspection evidence a need for the RSO and RSC to focus further attention to program requirements to ensure that licensed activities are being conducted in accordance with the procedures and statements referenced in the license. As described in the enclosed Notice of Violation, several of the deficiencies identified during this inspection involved commitments made in the license application. This raises a concern regarding management oversight of licensed operations, particularly since some of these issues were previously identified during program audits conducted by Memorial Hospital's physics consultants. Consequently, in your reply to this letter, you should describe those specific actions planned or taken to improve the effectiveness of management control over licensed operations, with particular emphasis on measures currently being taken to prevent further violations.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosure, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The response directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice is 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.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Since ~~Original~~ Signed By:

A. B. BEACH

A. Bill Beach, Director
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosure:
Appendix - Notice of Violation

cc:
Idaho Radiation Control Program Director

bcc:
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MRodriguez, OC/LFDCB (4503)
*CLCain
*NMSIS
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