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In Reply Refer To:
License: 42-00084-08
Docket: 30-10710/91-01

Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC)
2002 Holcombe Boulevard
Houston, Texas 77030

Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine, unannounced radiation safety inspection conducted by Ms. L. L. Kasner of this office on June 20, 1991, of the activities authorized by NRC Byproduct Material License No. 42-00084-08, 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.

The inspector also reviewed the actions you had taken with respect to the violations observed during our previous inspection conducted on January 8-10, 1990. She verified that the corrective actions for each of the violations had been implemented as stated in your reply dated May 10, 1990.

The inspection revealed that several measures had been taken to improve the oversight of licensed activities by both the radiation safety officer and radiation safety committee during this inspection period. Further, the required monthly spot checks and calibrations of the teletherapy unit were consistent with regard to the parameters examined and performed in accordance with NRC regulations. Additionally, the VAMC had cared for administrative concerns regarding the authorization of teletherapy physicists, and had improved oversight in this area by dedicating one individual to serve in this capacity during this inspection period.

Please note that no violations were observed during this inspection and no response to this letter is required. As discussed during the inspection, it is our understanding that the VAMC intends to discontinue the use of its teletherapy unit and terminate this license after all licensed materials are properly transferred. The inspector reviewed this process with the radiation safety officer during the inspection, including the documents to be submitted to NRC and those required for the proper transfer of licensed material.

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

Documentation regarding NRC's inspection of the activities conducted under the VAMC broad license, NRC License No. 42-00084-06, will be forwarded by separate correspondence. Should you have any questions concerning this letter, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

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

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Texas Radiation Control Program Director

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