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Docket No. 030-09958

License No. 20-02307-07

Tufts University
ATTN: Mr. Ross Feldberg
Radiation Safety Officer
Medford, Massachusetts 02155

Gentlemen:

Subject: Routine Inspection No. 030-09958/89-001

On February 15, 1989, R. B. Provencher of this office conducted a routine safety inspection at the above address of activities authorized by the above listed NRC license. The inspection was an examination of your licensed activities as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's regulations and the license conditions. The inspection consisted of observations by the inspector, interviews with personnel, and a selective examination of representative records. The findings of the inspection were discussed with yourself and Mr. L. Ladd, Dean of Administration at the conclusion of the inspection.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements. A Notice of Violation is enclosed as Appendix A and categorizes each violation 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.

During the inspection, Mr. Provencher expressed concern regarding the apparent failure to promptly evaluate and implement the suggestions and recommendations made by your consultant during the monthly audit of your licensed program. We are particularly concerned since the consultant is partially fulfilling the responsibilities of your radiation safety officer. In response to this letter, please describe the actions you will take to assure that your consultant's recommendations are promptly evaluated and a clear decision made on whether to implement them or not.

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.

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Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
John D. Kinneman

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

Enclosures:


1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. Decommissioning Rule, 53 FR 24018, dated June 27, 1988

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