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New England Medical Center Hospitals  
ATTN: Ed Cohen  
Associate Director  
171 Harrison Avenue  
Boston, Massachusetts 02111

Gentlemen:

This letter refers to the Enforcement Conference held between you, other members of your staff and Mr. James H. Joyner and other members of the NRC Region I staff on July 10, 1989. It is our view that this conference was beneficial in that it improved your understanding of our concerns regarding the apparent violations identified in our Inspection Report No. 030-01868/89-002, which was sent to you on June 28, 1989. During the Enforcement Conference we also discussed the March 14, 1989, misadministration of iodine-131 to a patient. That discussion gave us a better understanding of your actions to correct the root cause of the problems that resulted in the misadministration. The subjects discussed during the conference are summarized in the enclosed Enforcement Conference Report.

Enforcement action resulting from this inspection has been transmitted to you under separate cover.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

No reply to this letter is required. Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
LEE H. BETTENHAUSEN

*for* Malcolm R. Knapp, Director  
Division of Radiation Safety  
and Safeguards

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