

August 10, 1981

181-04

Joseph O. Ward, Chief  
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Department of Health Services  
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Dear Joe:

This will confirm my telephone conversation with Don Honey on August 7, 1981. Some time ago the NRC received a request from the Veterans Administration Hospital in Los Angeles that we supply guidance to them on the transfer of some V.A. property. The property had been used in the past for the burial of small quantities of radioactive materials. It was proposed that the property be converted to use as a public park. You have expressed interest in this matter before, and we have already supplied you with some information.

The NRC has completed its evaluation and has concluded that the Veterans Administration can dispose of the property without any restrictions on future use of the property because of any radioactive material it may contain. The Veterans Administration has been informed by letter dated August 6, 1981. A copy of the evaluation and backup material used are enclosed for your information.

Let me know if you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

Original signed by  
H. E. Book

Herbert E. Book, Chief  
Radiological Safety Branch

Enclosure:  
As stated

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FOR: DIVISION OF SAFEGUARDS AND  
RADIOLOGICAL SAFETY INSPECTION

DAILY REPORT - REGION V  
DATE: 08/24/81

Facility	Notification	Item or Event	Regional Action
Veterans Admin. Hospital Los Angeles, CA License No. 04-00181-04	Region V representatives on-site	At the request of the Office of Congressional Affairs and NMSS, the Director, Division of Technical Inspection and the Chief, Radiological Safety Branch participated in a meeting in Los Angeles on August 21, 1981. Present were representatives from Congressman Bielensohn's office and representatives from the Los Angeles City offices of Councilman Broude, the City Attorney, and the Department of Recreation and Parks. The NRC representatives explained the recently issued NRC report which releases the historic VA radioactive burial area from any restriction on future use of the property. The possible radiation dose was compared to legal limits and with radiation exposures received in normal living. The calculated cancer risk was compared to the background cancer level and with other risks encountered in everyday life. There were few questions following the NRC presentation, and everyone at the meeting appeared to be satisfied.	Information only

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