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V. A. Medical Center  
North Chicago  
ATTN: Al Pate  
Medical Center Director  
3001 N. Green Bay Road  
North Chicago, IL 60064

License No. 12-10057-04  
Docket No. 030-15269

Dear Mr. Pate:

This refers to the special safety inspection conducted by Evelyn Matson of this office on November 12, 1992, to review concerns associated with activities authorized by NRC Byproduct Material License No. 12-10057-04, and to the discussion of our findings with you and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, independent measurements, and interviews with personnel.

In addition to the above areas, the inspector examined actions described in your letters dated June 4, 1991 and July 25, 1991, regarding violations found during our April 16, 1991 inspection. We have no further questions regarding these violations.

During this inspection, certain of your activities were found to be in violation of NRC requirements, as described in the enclosed Notice. A written response is required.

In addition to the violations, we are concerned that management deficiencies appear to have allowed staffing shortages to occur which could have led to safety issues. Therefore, in your response to this letter, (1) describe the reason why a staffing shortage occurred, (2) the actions you have taken or plan to take to address the reason the shortages occurred, (3) the action you have taken or plan to take to correct the shortage itself, (4) the dates when corrective actions will be completed, and (5) describe the actions you will take to prevent recurrence of the management deficiencies which allowed it to occur.

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 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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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,  
Original Signed by Roy J. Caniano

John A. Grobe, Chief  
Nuclear Materials Safety  
Branch

Enclosure:

1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report No.  
030-15269/92001(DRSS)

cc w/enclosure:  
DCD/DCB (RIDS)  
D. Funk, RIII

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RIII  
EW/PA  
Matson/bt  
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GUS (45)  
Shear  
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Grobe  
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