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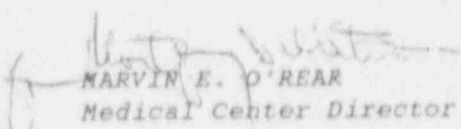
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SUBJ: Reply to Notice of Violation
Docket No. 030-01227
License No. 04-09450-02

1. Attached is our response to the Notice of Violation, received on November 6, 1992. Corrective actions, as noted, have been taken. If you need additional information, please contact our Chief, Nuclear Medicine Service, Dr. Mohamad Vajed, (510) 447-2560, Ext. 6197.

2. We certainly appreciated your visit and the recommendations you made will enable us to increase our effectiveness.


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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

A. 10 CFR 25.59(g) requires, in part, that a licensee retain for five years records of quarterly physical inventories of sealed sources and brachytherapy sources in its possession, and that the records contain the model number of each source, and serial number if one has been assigned, the identity of each source radionuclide and its nominal activity, the location of each source, and the signature of the Radiation Safety Officer.

Contrary to the above, as of October 6, 1992, the licensee's records of physical inventories of its sealed sources, between July 2, 1990, and July 6, 1992, did not contain the signature of the Radiation Safety Officer.

This is a Severity Level V Violation (Supplement VI).

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B. REPLY TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION

1. The reason for failure of the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) to sign the physical inventories of the sealed sources during the specified period was mainly an oversight, compounded by the temporary relocation of Nuclear Medicine Service from the second floor to the third floor of the same building.

2. Now that Nuclear Medicine Service will be moving back to the second floor very soon, the situation will return to normal, facilitating compliance with the NRC rules and regulations including this particular one.

3. To ensure that the physical inventories of the sealed sources are signed by the Radiation Safety Officer, a Radiation Safety Officer signature list has been prepared and posted in the appropriate areas, and full compliance will be effective immediately.

4. Your point regarding an initial and annual refresher radiation safety training for all individuals working with or around ionizing radiation is well taken. We have developed a mechanism that all the employees who may come in contact with ionizing radiation are identified and appropriate training is given and documented. Radiation education material is also offered through the Nuclear Medicine Service. Dr. Mohamed Vajed, Radiation Safety Officer, is always willing and available to answer any questions regarding radiation safety.