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Docket No. 030-14950

License No. 29-18376-01

Rhoda H. Cobin, M.D.
44 Godwin Avenue
Midland Park, New Jersey 07432

Dear Dr. Cobin:

Subject: Inspection Report No. 030-14950/92-001

On February 7, 1992, Mr. Ihor Czerwinskyj 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, discussions with you and with your consultant, Mr. Michael Caprio, on February 10, 1992, independent radiological measurements, and a selective examination of representative records. The findings of the inspection were discussed with you at the conclusion of the inspection.

As discussed during the telephone conversation between you and Dr. Ronald Bellamy of my staff on November 21, 1992, the apparent violations and concerns identified during this inspection will be discussed during a transcribed Enforcement Conference at the Region I Office at 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania at 10:00 A.M. on December 17, 1992. The purposes of this conference are to discuss the apparent violations; their cause(s) and safety significance; to provide you the opportunity to point out any errors in our inspection report; to provide an opportunity for you to present your completed and proposed corrective actions; and to discuss any other information that will help us determine appropriate enforcement actions.

Some of the findings of the February 7, 1992 inspection involved the apparent deliberate violation of NRC requirements. The NRC Office of Investigations (OI) completed an investigation of these matters and concluded that you deliberately failed to repair or replace your dose calibrator as required and you deliberately violated the requirement to have appropriate survey instruments as required. The investigation found no evidence that you knowingly misadministered doses to patients or misled the Commission in your license application. A synopsis of the OI Report is enclosed.

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Please be prepared to discuss the apparent weaknesses in the management oversight of your licensed program that may have allowed the apparent violations to take place. You should provide the steps you have taken, or planned to take, to improve your management of your NRC licensed program. Appropriate enforcement action for these apparent violations will be considered by the NRC following the conference and you will be informed of this action by letter. The NRC Enforcement Policy is described in Appendix C of 10 CFR Part 2, a copy of which is enclosed for your information. Directions to the Region I Office are also enclosed.

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 the enclosures will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,

Richard W. Cooper II, Director
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosures:

1. NRC Region I Inspection Report No. 030-14950/92-001
2. Synopsis of the Office of Investigations Report (Case No. 1-92-009)
3. 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C
4. Directions to the NRC Region I Office

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