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Docket No. 030-19050

License No. 19-02891-06

Department of the Navy
Naval Medical Research Institute
ATTN: LCDR W.D. Travis
Radiation Safety Officer
National Naval Medical Center
Bethesda, Maryland 20014

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection No. 030-19050/85-01

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. C. Rowe of this office on May 10, 1985 of activities authorized by NRC License No. 19-02891-06 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Rowe with yourself at the conclusion of the inspection.

The area examined during this inspection was limited to a review of the operation of your J. L. Shepherd Mark I irradiator and the status of your compliance with the order issued July 3, 1984 by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards that amended each license that authorized possession of byproduct material in a J. L. Shepherd irradiator to add certain conditions. Within this area, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, measurements made by the inspector, and observations by the inspector.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that one of your activities was not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. This violation has been categorized by severity level in accordance with the revised NRC Enforcement Policy (10 CFR 2, Appendix C) published in the Federal Register Notice (49 FR 8583) dated March 8, 1984. You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A. In addition to the need for corrective action regarding this specific violation, we are concerned about the implementation of your management control systems that permitted it to occur. Consequently, in your reply, you should describe in particular, those actions taken or planned to improve the effectiveness of your management control systems.

The responses 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.

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 your reply will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
Francis M. Costello

John D. Kinneman, Chief
Nuclear Materials Safety Section A,
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Enclosure: Appendix A, Notice of Violation
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