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Docket No. 030-02626

License No. 31-11399-02

Veterans Administration Medical Center  
ATTN: Mr. Richard Droske  
Director  
Nuclear Medicine Section  
Laboratory Services  
Castle Point, New York 12511

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection Report No. 030-02626/85-01

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. C. T. Oberg of this office on February 7, 1985 of activities authorized by NRC License No. 31-11399-02 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Oberg with Drs. Mangeroni and Ajjan at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and the conditions of your license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, measurements made by the inspector, and observations by the inspector.

Our inspector also verified the steps you have taken to correct the violations brought to your attention in the enclosure to our letter dated August 31, 1981. We have no further questions regarding the steps you took to correct items A, and B.2. With regard to B.1 this item has recurred.

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.

The item in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter was identified during a previous inspection of your licensed activities on July 20, 1981, and was documented in the enclosure to our letter dated August 31, 1981. Your letter to this office dated September 11, 1981 stated the G.M. survey meter will be calibrated annually and after servicing.

From our February 7, 1985 inspection it appears that the stated corrective action was not effective since this item has recurred.

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Recurrent and uncorrected violations are given additional weight in the consideration and selection of appropriate enforcement action. Therefore, in your response to this letter, you should give particular attention to those actions taken or planned to ensure that identified items of noncompliance will be completely corrected and will not recur.

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.

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.

Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

John E. Glenn

John E. Glenn, Chief  
Nuclear Materials Safety Section B,  
Division of Radiation Safety  
and Safeguards

Enclosure: Appendix A, Notice of Violation

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