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October 18, 1996

R. E. Struble, FACHE  
Medical Center Director  
V. A. Medical Center  
5000 West National Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53295

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Struble:

This refers to the inspection conducted on August 26-28, 1996, (with continued NRC in-office review through October 2, 1996) at V. A. Medical Center, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Additionally, this acknowledges receipt of your letter dated September 4, 1996, discussing immediate actions taken in response to the inspection findings. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with Dan Miron.

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 with the conditions of your license. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, independent measurements and observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that violations of NRC requirements occurred. The violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). A written response is required.

We are concerned about the number and types of violations identified during the inspection, and the fact that they were not identified by you during your self-audit process. The violations indicate a lack of familiarity with certain requirements of your NRC license and NRC regulations, and a need to improve your self-assessment activities regarding compliance with NRC regulatory requirements. In addition to responding to the violations in the Notice, please address the concern by describing the actions you have taken, or plan to take to enhance your self-assessment program to identify problems associated with your radiation safety program.

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Sincerely,

Original Signed by Roy J. Caniano

Cynthia D. Pederson, Director  
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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Enclosure: Notice of Violation

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