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Docket No. 030-01317

License No. 08-01738-02

Colonel Michael J. Kussman
U. S. Army/Commanding Officer
Department of the Army
Walter Reed Army Medical Center
Washington, DC 20307-5001

SUBJECT: INSPECTION NO. 030-01317/96-001

Dear Colonel Kussman:

On September 5 - 6, 1996, Richard McKinley of this office conducted a safety inspection at the above address of activities authorized by the above listed NRC license. The inspection was limited to a review of the loss of control of radioactive material reported to the NRC on September 4, 1996. The findings of the inspection were discussed with Colonel John Pierce, at the conclusion of the inspection. This also refers to our telephone conversation on September 16, 1996.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements. A Notice of Violation is enclosed and categorizes each violation by severity level in accordance with "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," (Enforcement Policy), NUREG 1600. The NRC has concluded that information regarding the reason for the violation, the corrective actions taken and planned to correct the violation and prevent recurrence is already adequately addressed on the docket in your letter dated October 1, 1996. Therefore, you are not required to respond to this letter unless the description therein does not accurately reflect your corrective actions or your position. In that case, or if you choose to provide additional information, you should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice.

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Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
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Enclosure:
Notice of Violation

cc w/enclosure:
Colonel William B. Johnson, Radiation Safety Officer
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Colonel Michael J. Kussman
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