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Dr. J. Philip Stohr, Director
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region 11
101 Marietta Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dr. Stohr:

This is in reference to your letter dated March 13, 1985 regarding the Report No. 41-00119-08/85-01 and notice of the violations identified during the inspection conducted on February 13, 1985.

The leakage test for the 200 microcuries Cesium-137 was conducted on the same day your inspector visited our center. The one month delay was only due to a heavy schedule at the Nuclear Medicine Service and we assure you that this delay will not happen in the future. There was no leak or contamination found during the test.

The wipe test was delegated to the research personnel at each lab before the Medical Center approved to hire a full time Radiation Safety Technician. The monthly wipe survey test not recorded in two research labs was mainly due to the busy schedule for the research technicians working at these two labs. We have delegated this wipe survey test in all our research labs to a Radiation Safety person at the present time. These two labs were wipe tested and recorded and no contamination had been found.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time if you desire any additional information.

Sincerely,

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SUBJ: Response to Report No. 41-00119-08/85-01, NOTICE OF VIOLATION

1. Enclosed please find our response to Dr. J. Philip Stohr's report dated March 13, 1985, concerning our Notice of Violation.
2. Please forward this information to Dr. J. Philip Stohr, Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region 11, 101 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia, 30303.

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Enclosure