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CONFIRMATORY ACTION LETTER

Docket No.: 030-08456
License No.: 04-15030-01

Veterans Administration Medical Center
3350 La Jolla Village Drive
San Diego, California 92161

Attention: Norman E. Hensley
Medical Center Director (Acting)

Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC Inspection Report No. 30-08456/85-01

This refers to the telephone conversation held on July 10, 1985 between Todd Yates, Dr. John Verba and Melinda Johnson, of the Veterans Administration Medical Center, and Ross Scarano and Jim Montgomery of the NRC Region V office, concerning your plans to correct deficiencies in the management and conduct of your licensed program noted during an inspection conducted at your facility on May 15-16, 1985 and July 1-3, 1985, to investigate the incident involving the loss of iridium 192 therapy seeds.

With regard to the matters discussed, we understand you will undertake the following actions:

1. Suspend all seed implants until the Radiation Safety Manual is revised and procedures are in place to preclude the improper handling of the implants (action taken May 29, 1985).
2. Complete a revision of all chapters of the Radiation Safety Manual as appropriate to upgrade the radiation protection program including but not limited to the areas of the ALARA program, management audits and radiation safety committee responsibilities.
3. Submission of the revised Radiation Safety Manual to this office for review and inclusion to your license as a license amendment.
4. The date by which all of the above actions will be completed is January 1, 1986.

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If our understandings concerning your actions in these matters, as outlined above, are not correct, notify NRC Region V within 24 hours from the receipt of this letter.

Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,
John B. Martin
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Regional Administrator

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