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November 1, 1996

Floyd D. Loop, M.D., Chairman
Board of Governors
Cleveland Clinic Foundation
9500 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44195

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 030-02649/96002(DNMS))

Dear Dr. Loop:

This letter refers to the special inspection conducted on September 4, 1996, to review the circumstances surrounding the incident involving personnel and off-site iodine-131 contamination that occurred on August 27, 1996. The inspection report was mailed to you on September 27, 1996. On September 26, 1996, Cleveland Clinic Foundation submitted a report that described the incident and discussed its corrective actions. The cause of the violations and your corrective actions were discussed between Melinda Estes, M.D. and other members of your staff and Roy Caniano and other Region III staff during a predecisional enforcement conference on October 22, 1996.

Based on the information developed during the inspection and the information provided in your September 26, 1996 letter, the NRC has determined that violations of NRC requirements occurred. The violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice).

The NRC has concluded that information regarding the reasons for the violations and the corrective actions taken to correct the violations and prevent recurrence are already adequately addressed on the docket in Inspection Report No. 030-02649/96002(DNMS) and your letter dated September 26, 1996. Therefore, you are not required to respond to this letter.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and the enclosed Notice will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

Cynthia D. Pederson, Director
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

License No. 34-00466-01
Docket No. 030-02649

Enclosure: Notice of Violation

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