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Mr. Pat Linton, Executive Team Leader (CEO)
North Hawaii Community Hospital
67-1125 Mamalahoa Highway
Kamuela, Hawaii 96743

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION 30-34081/96-01 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Linton:

An NRC inspection was conducted November 26, 1996, at your North Hawaii Community Hospital facility. At the conclusion of the inspection the findings were discussed with you and your staff.

Four violations were identified during this inspection. These violations involved the failure to: (1) conduct quality management program training; (2) test your dose calibrator for geometry dependence; (3) conduct required bioassays; and (4) complete a written directive prior to an administration of iodine (I-131).

These violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

In addition to the four violations, other matters were also identified during this inspection that, taken together, indicate that your initial implementation of licensed activities may not be receiving adequate management attention. For example, it is apparent that you have not adequately implemented your training program as illustrated by Violation A.1 in the enclosed Notice and that neither the nursing staff or ancillary personnel had completed radiation protection training as of the date of the inspection. Also, during the inspection, your technologist was not familiar with the need to perform a battery check prior to using a radiation survey meter. This is an apparent training related deficiency. It was also noted during the inspection that the authorized users' standing orders for I-131 dosages of greater than 30 microcuries could result in the administration of such doses without a written directive in the absence of clear training on your quality management program. In your response to the enclosed Notice, you should also address your actions to assure adequate management attention to licensed activities with particular emphasis to the issues addressed above.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosure, and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

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To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, please contact Emilio Garcia at (510) 975-0239.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross A. Scarano", written in a cursive style.

Ross A. Scarano, Director
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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Enclosure:
Notice of Violation

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