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Docket Nos. 30-2556
30-0372

License Nos. 29-12664-01
29-12664-02

Christ Hospital
ATTN: Mr. James Alwell
Vice President
176 Palisade Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey 07306

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection No. 85-01

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Ms. Nancy Dennis of this office on June 27, 1985 of activities authorized by NRC License Nos. 29-12664-01 and 29-12664-02 and to the discussions of our findings held by Ms. Dennis with Mr. Joseph Angelo, Mr. Rene Smith, Mr. William Maniscalco and Mr. Ray Sorenson at the conclusion of the inspection and to your subsequent letter to NRC dated July 2, 1985.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and the conditions of your licenses. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, measurements made by the inspector, and observations by the inspector.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that certain of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. This violation has been categorized by severity level in accordance with the revised NRC Enforcement Policy (10 CFR 2, Appendix C) published in the Federal Register Notice (49 FR 8583) dated March 8, 1984. You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

During the course of the inspection, the inspector expressed her concerns about your procedure for determining the iodine-131 burden in patients at the time of discharge. In your reply to this letter, please describe in detail your method for making this determination. This method should take into account the patient whose thyroid has been removed and should ensure that no patient with a iodine-131 burden in excess of 30 millicuries is discharged from the hospital.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and your reply will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Sincerely,


Original Signed By:
John D. Kinneman

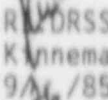
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Enclosure: Appendix A, Notice of Violation

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