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January 22, 1997

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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 30-15184/96-01 AND
NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Dr. Ferretti:

On December 20, 1996, the NRC concluded an inspection of activities conducted under NRC License No. 35-03176-05 at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. At the conclusion of the on-site portion of the inspection, the inspector discussed the initial inspection findings with your radiation safety officer (RSO). The findings of the inspection were subsequently discussed with your RSO and assistant vice president during a telephonic exit briefing on December 20, 1996.

Based on the inspection findings, violations of NRC requirements were identified. The first violation involved a failure to ensure that required air and soil samples were collected during August 1996. The remaining violations involved failures to meet several Department of Transportation requirements, including: (1) failure to meet two requirements specific to transportation of Low Specific Activity material in a vehicle designated for exclusive use; (2) failure to use shipping papers while transporting radioactive material on public roads within Oklahoma City; and (3) failure to ensure, by examination or appropriate tests, that external contamination levels were within the allowable limits specified in 49 CFR 173.443.

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 enclosed 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.

Overall, the inspector found that the radiation safety program was well managed. The RSO and his staff were active in licensed activities and had conducted audits to self-identify and correct areas of noncompliance. The inspector noted that the RSO was also responsive to the inspection findings discussed by the inspector during the onsite portion of the inspection. By letter dated November 20, 1996, your RSO responded to many of the inspector's findings; therefore, in your response to the Notice, you may reference the relevant sections of this letter.

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

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Room (PDR). 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 William H. Radcliffe at (817) 860-8151 or Linda L. Howell at (817) 860-8213.

Sincerely,

Charles L. Cain
for Ross A. Scarano, Director
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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