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Docket No. 030-19066
License No. 06-19661-01MD
EA 85-78

Syncor International
ATTN: Mr. Monty Fu
Chairman of the Board
12847 Arroya Street
Sylmar, California 91342

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY
(NRC INSPECTION 85-01)

This refers to the NRC routine safety inspection conducted on April 23, 1985 of activities authorized by NRC License No. 06-19661-01MD. The report of the inspection was forwarded to you on June 26, 1985. During the inspection, three violations of NRC requirements were identified. On July 10, 1985 we held an enforcement conference with you and members of your staff during which these violations, their causes, and your corrective actions were discussed.

The violations are described in the enclosed Notice. One of the violations involved licensed material being left unattended and unsecured in unlocked vehicles with the keys in the ignition and the motor running. The violation is of concern to the NRC because prior to the incident, the drivers of the Hartford facility had been verbally instructed by the Manager of the Hartford facility regarding the importance of security. The instructions were given as a result of a similar violation on April 10, 1985 at your facility in Grand Rapids, Michigan. However, the drivers did not adhere to these instructions.

Of additional concern to the NRC is another violation involving the failure to operate the fume hood exhaust fan in accordance with the license while licensed material was stored in the hood. Similar violations were previously identified by the NRC during inspections conducted in 1984, 1982 and 1981. The failure to implement long-lasting corrective action to prevent recurrence on three occasions, together with the security violation, demonstrate the need for improved control of the radiation safety program.

To emphasize the need for improved control of the radiation safety program, I have been authorized, after consultation with the Director, Office of Inspection and Enforcement, to issue the enclosed Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) for the violation set forth in Section I of the enclosed Notice. The violation in Section I has been categorized at Severity Level III in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1985). Although the base value of a civil penalty for a Severity Level III violation is \$5,000, the penalty is being reduced by 50% because of your prompt and comprehensive corrective actions with regard to this

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particular violation in promptly notifying all licensee offices of the importance of maintaining security of licensed materials, providing training to the drivers in NRC security requirements, posting reminders to lock the vehicles when unattended, and providing an individual at the Hartford facility to observe the vehicles while they are being loaded.

The violations described in Section II of the enclosed Notice are each classified at Severity Level IV. Although a civil penalty was also considered for Item II.A because of its repetitive nature, a civil penalty is not proposed because you now are taking lasting corrective actions for the item and because of the relatively minor safety significance of the violation.

You are required to respond to this letter, and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and planned to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

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

The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed 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:
JAMES M. ALLAN
Thomas E. Murley
Regional Administrator



Enclosure:
Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty

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