

**Veterans
Administration**

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In Reply Refer To:

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region I
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, PA. 19104

Re: Inspection No.030-14526/85-01

Dear Sirs:

This correspondence is in response to your letter dated August 13, 1985 indicating various violations noted during a safety inspection conducted on February 20 and 21, 1985.

The following corrective actions have been taken.

Item A

The Radioactive waste storage room (Rm. A-123) will be under constant surveillance whenever the door is open. To assist in assuring compliance two people will be present for radioactive waste disposal when possible.

Compliance: Complete compliance by 9/13/85.

Item B-1

All radioactive packages except those for Nuclear Medicine will be delivered addressed to the Radiation Safety Office. All incoming packages will be logged in and monitored in a manner appropriate with their contents.

Compliance: Complete compliance by 9/30/85.

Item B-2

All Nuclear Medicine Technologists have been instructed on the necessity of wearing gloves and the need for frequent monitoring of their hands. Hypoallergenic gloves have been purchased for the technologist who is allergic to the standard disposable gloves. A new GM survey meter with a pancake probe has been purchased for the purpose of personnel monitoring and a log has been implemented to provide a record of the hand monitoring on a daily basis.

Compliance: Complete compliance by 9/13/85.

Item B-3

Survey meters are being calibrated on a yearly basis and following repair.

Compliance: Complete compliance by 9/13/85

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Item B-4

The Radiation Safety Officer is conducting monthly audits of all radionuclide laboratories. All findings are reported to the Radiation Safety Committee. The wording of the original application is being changed in an upcoming license renewal request.

Compliance: Complete compliance with the above statement as of 9/13/85.

Item B-5

The Xenon-133 charcoal canisters are being imaged on a monthly basis. An alternate method of trapping efficiency testing will be requested in the upcoming license renewal request.

Compliance: Complete compliance by 9/13/85.

Item B-6

Daily constancy checks are being conducted on the dose calibrator with a long-lived reference standard.

Compliance: Complete compliance by 9/13/85.

Items C & D

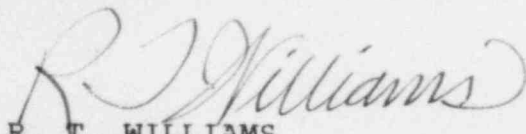
Sealed source leak tests are being conducted every six months, the results of which are recorded in microcuries. Quarterly inventories of sealed sources are being conducted.

Compliance: Complete compliance by 9/13/85.

A review of the NRC license requirements for our facility has been conducted and it has been decided that it would be most appropriate if a completely new renewal package was submitted. This renewal request should be completed by 9/30/85

Please contact me if any clarification is needed of the above statements.

Sincerely,



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