



Nesbitt Memorial Hospital

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Materials Branch
Division of Inspection & Enforcement
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region I
631 Park Avenue
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Dear Gentlemen:

With regard to our recent inspection by the N.R.C., we respond to your violation notice as follows:

We have not purchased any I-125 seeds since prior to December 29, 1983. No seed exceeded 1.0 mCi when delivered. Since the existing seed was one not used in a patient, it has decayed in our department to levels exempt from sealed source leak testing and monitoring. The procedure utilizing I-125 seeds has not been done in our institution for the last year and a half. In the future it should not be a high priority procedure. It appears one seed was not leak-tested prior to becoming an exempt quantity. We have notified our O.R. and technological staffs to inform Frank Jones and the radiation physicists of any unused sources prior to decay storage. Any future unused seeds will then be leak-tested with the other sealed sources at semi-annual frequency and inventory taken at a quarterly frequency. The physicists, Walter L. Robinson & Associates, will confirm the presence or absence of such seeds on their inventory report quarterly.

Compliance can be assumed to be immediate.

Sincerely,

Ron Stern
Administrator

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