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Docket No. 30-01196

License No. 08-16962-01

Group Health Association
ATTN: Penn Lupovich, M.D.
1709 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection No. 30-01196/85-01

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Ms. Nancy Dennis of this office on June 12, 1985, of activities authorized by NRC License No. 08-16962-01 and to the discussions of our findings held by Ms. Dennis with Ms. Lori Luna, Ms. Mina Harkins and Ms. Ruth Thayer of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

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 license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, measurements made by the inspector, and observations by the inspector.

Our inspector also verified the steps you have taken to correct the violations brought to your attention in the enclosure to our letter dated July 24, 1981. We have no further questions regarding the steps you took to correct items A, B.1, B.2.a, and B.2.d. With regard to item B.2.b, this item has recurred.

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.

With respect to Appendix A, we note that you corrected Items A and C, before the completion of the inspection and, therefore, you need not address yourself to these matters in your response.

Item B in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter was identified during a previous inspection of your licensed activities on June 17, 1981, and was documented in the enclosure to our letter dated July 24, 1981. Your letter to this office dated July 31, 1981 stated that disposable gloves would be worn

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when performing RIA procedures. From our June 12, 1985, inspection it appears that the stated corrective actions were not effective since this item has re-occurred. Recurrent and uncorrected violations are given additional weight in the consideration and selection of appropriate enforcement action. Therefore, in your response to this letter, you should give particular attention to those actions taken or planned to ensure that identified violations will be completely corrected and will not recur.

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.

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.

Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
John D. Kinneman

John D. Kinneman, Chief
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Enclosure: Appendix A, Notice of Violation

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