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Attention: Document Control Desk

Re: Notice of Violation
Docket No. 030-19556
License No. 37-19931-01

This letter is in response to the Notice of Violation (Docket No. 030-19556) dated October 30, 1996. I wish to contest the violation which was cited following the inspection of my NRC License on September 24, 1996. The violation states that on three separate linearity checks, mathematical corrections were not made for dosage readings where the linearity error exceeded 10 percent, as required by the regulations in 10 CFR-35.50(d). On each of these linearity checks, it was documented that the linearity error exceeded 10 percent at activity levels below 1 mCi and that the dose calibrator must not be used to assay doses below this level. Also, the dose calibrator was posted with a sign reading "Do NOT Use Dose Calibrator to Assay Doses Less Than 1 mCi".

I contend that appropriate actions were taken to prevent the use of the dose calibrator to assay a radiopharmaceutical dosage in the range where the linearity error exceeded 10 percent, and therefore, mathematical corrections of any dosage reading were not required. In 10 CFR 35.50(d), it specifically states that the licensee shall mathematically correct dosage readings for any linearity error that exceeds 10 percent. Since we did not, and would not have any need to assay any radiopharmaceutical dosages less than 1 mCi, a chart or graph mathematically correcting for any non-linearity below that activity level would not be necessary.

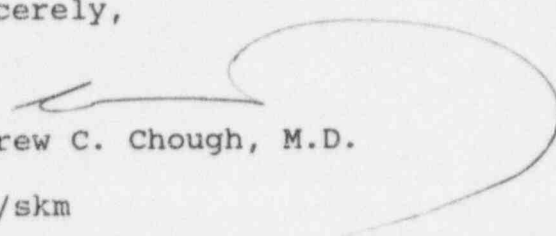
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I would appreciate your reconsideration of this notice of violation. Please let me know of your decision or if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,



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