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November 15, 1996

Alice L. Wood  
Medical Center Director  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
Richard L. Roudebush Medical Center  
1481 West 10th Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46202

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Ms. Wood:

This refers to the special inspection conducted on September 30, 1996 at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Indianapolis, Indiana. The purpose of the inspection was to determine the circumstances surrounding an incident where licensed material was inadvertently disposed in a municipal incinerator. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with you and members of your staff. This also refers to telephone conversations with your staff through October 24, 1996.

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 with the conditions of your license. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, independent measurements and observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that violations of NRC requirements occurred. These violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). A written response is required.

In addition, the NRC is concerned that a laboratory manager did not immediately notify the radiation safety office or implement incident procedures after he identified licensed material was missing from his laboratory. The NRC is also concerned you did not have adequate emergency or incident procedures in place and disseminated to the appropriate personnel to insure licensed material would be properly secured during the response to an emergency or incident. Consequently, in addition to your response to the enclosed Notice, please describe any immediate or future actions you have or will implement to insure: (1) licensee personnel properly characterize and report future incidents; (2) adequate emergency or incident procedures are in place and disseminated to the appropriate response personnel; and (3) all individuals who are responsible to respond to radiological emergencies or incidents are properly trained regarding your emergency or incident procedures and NRC requirements.

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Sincerely,

Original Signed by

Cynthia D. Pederson, Director  
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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Enclosure: Notice of Violation

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