

February 21, 1997

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Gary Wilkinson, Director
Veterans Administration Medical Center
Highway 6 West
Iowa City, IA 52246

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Wilkinson:

This refers to the inspection conducted on January 28-30, 1997 at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Iowa City, Iowa with continued in-office review of your Radiation Safety Committee's oversight of proposed research involving human subjects until February 12, 1997. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with members of your staff.

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 accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, the enclosure, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by Roy J. Caniano

Cynthia D. Pederson, Director
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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