

April 10, 1997

David Batos
Chief Executive Officer
St. Joseph's Medical Center
P.O. Box 1935
801 East Lasalle Street
South Bend, IN 46634-1935

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Batos:

This refers to the inspection conducted on February 27, 1997, with continued NRC in-office review through March 6, 1997, at St. Joseph's Medical Center, South Bend, Indiana. 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.

No cited violations of NRC requirements were identified during the course of this inspection.

As discussed with Dr. Scheu via teleconference on March 6, 1997, we are concerned about the potential of two brachytherapy events being misadministrations. We are reviewing this matter and will provide you with the results of our findings in a separate correspondence.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

Sincerely,

Original Signed by Roy J. Caniano

Roy J. Caniano, Acting Director
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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