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Veterans Administration
Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans Hospital
11201 Benton Street
Loma Linda, California 92357

Attention: Mr. John Hickman
Hospital Director

Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC Inspection

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. J. F. Pang of this office on November 18, 19 and 27, 1985, of activities authorized by NRC License No. 04-17862-01 and to the discussion of our findings held by Mr. Pang with you and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection. The inspection was an examination of the 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, and observations by the inspector.

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 as Appendix A to this letter. These items have been categorized into severity levels as described in the NRC Enforcement Policy, 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C.

On December 10, 1985, we held an enforcement conference with you and members of your staff during which these violations, their causes, and your corrective actions were discussed. We also discussed the need for careful management review and evaluation of the Radiation Safety Officer's Quarterly Reports, the Management ALARA Inspection Reports and the Radiation Safety and Radioactive Drug Research Committee Meeting Minutes.

The findings from this inspection, as well as the one conducted during December 9, 1982 indicate two repetitive violations (see Appendix A, Items 5.a and 5.b).

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We are concerned about the repetitive nature of the violations observed during our inspections. In addition to the need for corrective action regarding the specific violations included in Appendix A, we are concerned about the implementation of your management control system that allowed these repetitive violations to recur. Consequently, in your reply you should describe in particular those actions taken or planned to improve the effectiveness of your overall management control system including the evaluation and use of information contained in the Radiation Safety Officer's Quarterly Reports, Management ALARA Inspection Reports, and the Radiation Safety and Radioactive Drug Research Committee Meeting Minutes.

Your response to this Notice is to be submitted in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201 as stated in Appendix A, Notice of Violation.

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.

If you have any questions on this matter or concerning this inspection, please telephone Mr. Pang on 415-943-3700.

Sincerely,

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Ross A. Scarano, Director
Division of Radiation Safety and
Safeguards

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