



**Allentown Osteopathic
Medical Center**



Radiology, Nuclear Medicine,
Ultrasound, Cardiac Diagnostics,
Magnetic Resonance Imaging

February 14, 1997

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
Washington, D.C. 20555

Docket No. 030-03175
License No. 37-12915-01

SUBJECT: "REPLY TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION"
ROUTINE INSPECTION NO. 030-03175/97-001

To who it may concern:

I am writing in response to the inspection letter dated February 5, 1997 for Allentown Osteopathic Medical Center (AOMC). The Docket number and our N.R.C. license number are listed above.

Response to Notice of Violation, Section A:

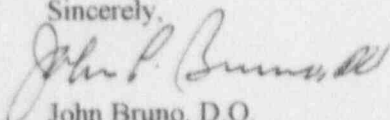
The cause of the violation was due to a lack of communication between administration, the nuclear medicine department and the consultant physicist concerning the merger between AOMC and St. Luke's hospital in Bethlehem and its effects on the NRC license. Administration was given the list of questions the NRC requires in the event of an acquisition and did not respond to them and submit it to the NRC in a timely fashion. Due to the sensitive nature of the merger and its effects locally, lawyers for both institutions advised that very little information, information pertinent to the response to the questionnaire, be released until the effective merger date making responses to the questions difficult.

A letter from the CEO of the AOMC campus, dated January 15, 1997, was sent to the Region I office to notify the Commission of the full asset merger between the two facilities. A copy of this letter is enclosed. At this point we have not had any additional correspondence with the NRC concerning this matter. Unless we are notified differently, we are assuming that we are operating in full compliance at this time.

In the future, we will take the proper steps to notify the NRC in the event of a license transfer. We will not act on the transfer until we have the Commissions consent in writing as per 10 CFR 30.34(b).

If you have any questions concerning our response to the "Notice of Violation" please direct them to our Consultant Radiation Physicist, Mark Liddington, of Walter L. Robinson & Associates, at 717-291-9813.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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