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June 20, 1997

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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NRC INSPECTION REPORT 030-32428/97-01

Dear Mr. Garcia:

Thank you for your letter of May 30, 1997, in response to our letter and Notice of Violation dated May 19, 1997. We have reviewed your reply and find it responsive to the concerns raised in our Notice of Violation. We will review the implementation of your corrective actions during a future inspection to determine that full compliance has been achieved and will be maintained.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Blair Spitzberg".

D. Blair Spitzberg, Ph.D., Chief
Nuclear Materials Inspection and
Fuel Cycle/Decommissioning Branch

Docket No.: 030-32428
License No.: 11-27404-01



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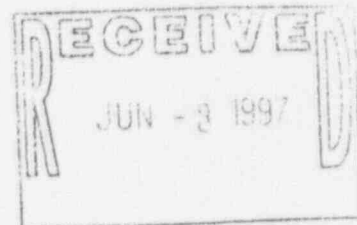
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May 30, 1997



Ross A. Scarano, Director
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SUBJECT: REPLY TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION--NRC INSPECTION 030-32428/97-01

Dear Mr. Scarano:

Teton Nuclear Medicine had under its employ a health physicist which left our immediate area in August 1996. The radiation safety officer (Miguel P. Garcia) failed in a timely manner to cross-reference the existing schedule for routine radiation safety procedures, i.e. leak testing of seal sources. I had been in contact with a contract health physics agency to perform such testing in January at their annual dose calibrator evaluations. However, their visit happened while I was not present and the leak testing did not occur.

The corrective steps that have been taken include organizing a comprehensive calendar with which all routine maintenance and compliance testing is scheduled. The radiation safety officer will routinely cross-reference the calendar and achieve such testing. Also, a designated employee will remind said radiation safety officer of any scheduled and/or required compliance testing. Full compliance will be achieved within 30 days of this notice.

As a result of this violation, Teton Nuclear Medicine has been in contact with a health physics agency and a full audit of our radiation safety procedures will be conducted within six months by said agency.

During the inspection, it was mentioned that as our business expands I am planning to delegate greater responsibilities to members of our staff. This is true. Key members of Teton Nuclear Medicine staff will be assigned duties such as radiation contamination surveys, dose calibrator constancy checks and other scheduled and required radiation safety procedures. Management will oversee these delegated tasks and review these on a monthly basis. This will allow the radiation safety officer more time to complete the more tedious tasks within our scope.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Miguel P. Garcia, Radiation Safety Officer
dba Teton Nuclear Medicine Service

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