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Reply to a Notice of Violation

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
Region III, Medical Licensing Section
2443 Warrenville Road
Lisle IL 60532-4352

Attention: Regional Administrator

January 12, 2012

Re: Inspection Report No. 03002009/11-02(DNMS)

According to provisions found in CFR 2.201, the purpose of this letter is to respond to the Notice of Violation (NOV) dated December 16, 2011.

1. **The reason for the violation:** The reason for the Increased Control (IC) violation cited by Robert Gattone was a difference in perspective concerning unescorted access. We did not believe that we were providing unescorted access to these individuals (44 security officers or locksmith). Had any of these non-fingerprinted individuals entered the room, our system would have resulted in activation of our unauthorized access alarm. Therefore, we did not believe that these individuals were required to be fingerprinted.

After a detailed review process, Mr. Gattone informed us that our security system did allow unescorted access, regardless of the alarm system. We are not contesting this enforcement action.

2. **The corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved:** The lock mechanism has been changed (under supervision of the RSO) and the door can only be opened by individuals who have been deemed Trustworthy and Reliable (T&R) per IC and Fingerprinting Orders.
3. **The corrective steps that will be taken:** All individuals responsible for the lock and door to the blood irradiator understand that no changes can be made to the entry without full understanding and permission from the Radiation Safety Officer (who is deemed T&R).

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4. **The date when full compliance will be achieved:** Full compliance was achieved on November 11, 2011.

If you should have further questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Swan".

Dennis Swan
Chief Executive Officer
Edward W. Sparrow Hospital

Handwritten initials "DS" and the date "11/12/12".

CC: Document Control Desk, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, CD
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