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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF INVESTIGATION (OI 4-2013-031)

Dear Ms. Schuler:

This refers to an investigation conducted by the NRC's Office of Investigations regarding activities at Sanford Medical Center. The Office of Investigations initiated the investigation to determine if certified nuclear medicine technologists at Sanford Medical Center, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, willfully violated hospital procedures by failing to store doses of radioactive material in the hot laboratory, while not under the direct surveillance of a member of the Nuclear Medicine Department.

Based on the evidence developed during the investigation, the allegation that certified nuclear medicine technologists at Sanford Medical Center willfully violated hospital procedures by failing to store doses of radioactive material in the hot laboratory, while not under the direct surveillance of a member of the Nuclear Medicine Department was not substantiated. The NRC plans no further action related to the willful aspects of this allegation and considers this investigation closed.

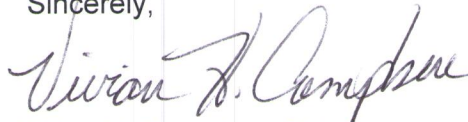
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Kathy Schuler

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Vivian H. Campbell".

Vivian H. Campbell, Chief
Allegation Coordination and Enforcement Staff

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