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WARNING LETTER

June 15, 1998

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Dr. Severiano Valenzuela
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Inspection ID: 123349

Dear Dr. Valenzuela:

Your facility was inspected on May 04, 1998, by a California State representative from Los Angeles County, Department of Health Services, Radiation Management under contract to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The inspection, as stated above, revealed that your facility failed to comply with the Quality Standards for Mammography (Standards), as specified in Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 900.12, as follows:

1. Records indicate that there was no medical physicist survey done for the x-ray system: [REDACTED]. Specifically, it was noted during the inspection that the last two medical surveys were done in excess of fifteen months apart. The section of the MQSA regulations that addresses equipment surveys, 21 CFR 900.12(d)(5) states in part, "**** Such surveys shall be performed at least annually****". FDA is requesting your written assurance that these surveys are performed annually.

The specific deficiency noted above appeared under the Level I heading on your Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA) Facility Inspection Report, which was issued at the close of the inspection. This deficiency may be symptomatic of serious underlying problems that could compromise the quality of mammography at your facility.

In addition, at the close of the inspection there was one instance of "Documentation Pending". This was printed out and given to you as part of the inspection report.

2. Interpreting physician's Continuing Experience: [REDACTED]

It is your responsibility to ensure adherence to each requirement of the Mammography Quality Standards Act of 1992 (MQSA) and FDA's regulations. You are responsible for investigating and determining the causes of the deficiencies that the inspection identifies and promptly initiate permanent corrective actions.

If you fail to promptly correct these deficiencies, FDA may, without further notice, initiate regulatory action. Under MQSA, FDA may:

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- impose civil money penalties on a facility of up to \$10,000 for each failure to substantially comply with, or each day of failure to substantially comply with the Standards.
- suspend or revoke a facility's FDA certificate for failure to comply with the Standards.
- seek an injunction in federal court to prohibit any mammography activity that constitutes a serious risk to human health.

Please note that FDA regulations do not preclude a State from enforcing its own State mammography laws and regulations. In some cases, these requirements may be more stringent than FDA's. These requirements should be evaluated when you plan your corrective action(s). Therefore, you should consider the more stringent State requirements, if any.

Within 15 working days of receiving this letter, you should notify FDA in writing of:

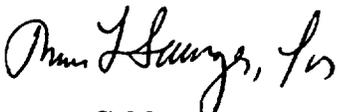
- the specific steps you have taken to correct all the violations noted in this letter;
- each step your facility is taking to prevent the recurrence of similar violations;
- example records that demonstrate proper record keeping procedures, if the noncompliances were found relate to quality control or other records (Note: Patient names or identification should be deleted from any copies submitted).

Please send the original of your response to:

Robert W. Nicol
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Also, send a copy to the California State radiation control office (Los Angeles County, Department of Health Services, Radiation Management) that conducted the inspection referenced in this letter. You may choose to address both FDA and State requirements in your response.

Sincerely yours,



Elaine C. Messa
District Director

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