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**WARNING LETTER**

May 18, 2001

via Federal Express

George Rabey, MD  
Alta District Hospital  
500 East Adelaide Way  
Dinuba, CA 93618

Dear George Rabey, MD:

We are writing to you because on May 10, 2001, your facility was inspected by a representative of the State of California, acting in behalf of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This inspection revealed a serious regulatory problem involving the mammography at your facility.

Under a United States Federal law, the Mammography Quality Standards Act of 1992, your facility must meet specific requirements for mammography. These requirements help protect the health of women by assuring that a facility can perform quality mammography. The inspection revealed the following level 1 finding at your facility:

- Level 1: Phantom QC records were missing for at least 4 weeks for unit 2, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] room Mammo

The specific problem noted above appeared on your MQSA Facility Inspection Report, which was issued to your facility at the close of the inspection. This problem is identified as Level 1, because it identifies a failure to meet a significant MQSA requirement.

Because this condition may be symptomatic of serious underlying problems that could compromise the quality of mammography at your facility, it represents a serious violation of the law which may result in FDA taking regulatory action without further notice to you. These actions include, but are not limited to, placing your facility under a Directed Plan of Correction, charging your facility for the cost of on-site monitoring, assessing civil money penalties up to \$10,000 for each failure to substantially comply with, or each day of failure to substantially comply with, MQSA Standards, suspension or

revocation of your facility's FDA certificate, or obtaining a court injunction against further mammography.

In addition, your response should address the Level 2 findings that were listed on the inspection report provided to you at the close of the inspection. These Level 2 findings are:

- Level 2: The facility has not specified adequate procedures to be followed for infection control or did not follow them when required at site Alta District Hospital
- Level 2: The facility has not specified adequate written procedures for collecting and resolving consumer complaints or did not follow them when required at site Alta District Hospital

It is necessary for you to act on this matter immediately. Please explain to this office, in writing, within fifteen (15) working days from the date you received this letter:

- the specific steps you have taken to correct all of the violations noted in this letter;
- each step your facility is taking to prevent the recurrence of similar violations;
- equipment settings (including technique factors), raw test data, and calculated final results, where appropriate; and
- sample records that demonstrate proper record keeping procedures, if the findings relate to quality control or other records (Note: Patient names or identification should be deleted from any copies submitted).\*

Please submit your response to:

Russell A. Campbell, Compliance Officer  
San Francisco District  
U.S. Food and Drug Administration  
1431 Harbor Bay Parkway  
Alameda, CA 94502

*\*This note is not applicable for letters which also address patient notification*

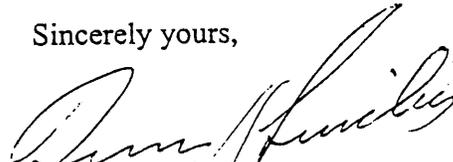
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Finally, you should understand that there are many FDA requirements pertaining to mammography. This letter pertains only to findings of your inspection and does not necessarily address other obligations you have under the law. You may obtain general information about all of FDA's requirements for mammography facilities by contacting the Mammography Quality Assurance Program, Food and Drug Administration, P.O. Box 6057, Columbia, MD 21045-6057 (1-800-838-7715) or through the Internet at <http://www.fda.gov>.

If you have more specific questions about mammography facility requirements, or about the content of this letter, please feel free to contact Russell A. Campbell at 510-337-6861.

Sincerely yours,



Dennis K. Linsley  
District Director