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WARNING LETTER

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Terri Allman, Director of Radiology
St. Joseph's Hospital
1824 Murdoch Avenue
Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

Dear Mr. Allman:

A representative from the State of West Virginia, under contract to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), inspected your facility on February 23, 2000. This inspection revealed a serious regulatory problem involving mammography performed at your facility.

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

- **Your facility processed mammograms in the [REDACTED] Film Processor on five days on which process parameters exceeded pre-established limits.**

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

Because this condition may be symptomatic of serious underlying problems that could compromise the quality of mammography performed at your facility, it represents a violation of the law that 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.

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 receive this letter:

- The specific steps you have taken to correct the violation noted in this letter.
- Each step your facility is taking to prevent the recurrence of similar violations.

Your response should be submitted to:

Food and Drug Administration
900 Madison Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
Attn: Lori A. Holmquist
Acting Compliance Officer

Finally, you should understand that there are many FDA requirements pertaining to mammography. This letter pertains only to the findings of the inspection and does not necessarily address other obligations you may 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 technical questions about mammography facility requirements or about the content of this letter, please feel free to contact Elizabeth A. Laudig at (410) 962-3591, extension 159.

Sincerely,



Lee Bowers
Director, Baltimore District