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NRC BANS FORMER TEMPLE UNIVERSITY TECHNOLOGIST FROM NRC LICENSED ACTIVITIES FOR ONE YEAR

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has banned the former assistant chief nuclear medicine technologist at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia from taking part in NRC-licensed activities for a year.

The action against Gary Isakoff stems from an NRC investigation which found that, in September 1996, Mr. Isakoff deliberately falsified a weekly survey for removable contamination in the hospital's "hot lab," where radioactive materials are used. In addition, investigators learned, he asked a subordinate to falsely claim that she had conducted the required surveys. The NRC also found that Mr. Isakoff repeatedly willfully failed to record, or inaccurately recorded, information about the calibration of doses to patients on dose-dispensing forms.

In the order banning Mr. Isakoff, Malcolm R. Knapp, NRC Deputy Executive Director for Regulatory Effectiveness, said, the former hospital employee's actions "have raised serious doubts as to whether he can be relied upon to comply with NRC requirements and to sumbit and maintain complete and accurate information and records."

The order restricts Mr. Isakoff's involvement in licensed activities for one year, and requires that for one year thereafter he provide notice to the NRC of any offers of employment involving NRC-licensed activities.

NRC cited Temple University Hospital in February 1998 for a violation caused by Mr. Isakoff's failure to conduct the weekly survey and his falsification of a survey record. The hospital holds an NRC license authorizing the use of radioactive material for medical use and research and development.

Mr. Isakoff may request a hearing on the action within 20 days.

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