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**NRC TO DISCUSS APPARENT VIOLATIONS AT ALTOONA (PA.) HOSPITAL**

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with officials of Altoona Hospital (Pa.) on Thursday, April 30, to discuss several apparent violations of agency requirements involving the medical use of NRC-licensed radioactive materials.

The predecisional enforcement conference is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. in the Division of Nuclear Materials Safety Conference Room at the NRC Region 1 office in King of Prussia, Pa. It will be open to the public for observation.

During an inspection conducted at the hospital on March 9 and 10, the NRC identified the following apparent violations: a lack of security for radioactive materials, inadequate training of nuclear medicine technologists and several instances in which radiopharmaceuticals were administered to patients without the required written prescription.

The decision to hold a predecisional enforcement conference does not mean that the NRC has determined a violation has occurred or that enforcement action will be taken. Rather, the purpose is to discuss apparent violations, their causes and safety significance; to provide the licensee with an opportunity to point out any errors that may have been made in the NRC inspection report; and to enable the licensee to outline its proposed corrective action.

No decision on the apparent violations will be made at this conference. That decision will be made by NRC officials at a later time.

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