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NRC, CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL TO DISCUSS APPARENT VIOLATIONS

Several apparent violations of Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements at Windham Community Memorial Hospital in Willimantic, Conn., will be discussed by agency staff and hospital representatives on Monday, July 13. Hatch Hospital Corporation operates the facility.

The apparent violations involve the hospital's nuclear medicine program and were identified during a routine NRC inspection conducted at the hospital on May 26 and 27.

The predecisional enforcement conference, which will be open to the public for observation, will begin at 1 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the NRC Region I office in King of Prussia, Pa.

Specifically, the apparent infractions include:

- A failure of the hospital's Radiation Safety Committee, which oversees the use of radioactive materials at the facility, to review the board certifications or permits of individuals prior to permitting them to work as authorized users.
- A failure to use radioactive materials as authorized by license.
- A failure to instruct appropriate personnel in the applicable regulations and license conditions prior to the start of their duties.
- A failure to maintain records, as required, for surveys and for waste disposal.

At the predecisional enforcement conference, hospital officials will have an opportunity to provide their perspective on the apparent violations, discuss their causes and safety significance, and detail any corrective actions that have been taken in response.

No decision on whether the NRC will take any enforcement action will be made at this session. That decision will be made by NRC officials at a later time, usually within about 30 days.

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