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September 19th, 2001

Dear Ms. McClanahan:

On the evening of June 17th, 2001, Steve Altier, a nuclear medicine technologist at United Hospital, performed an unauthorized bone scan on a relative. The procedure utilized 25mCi of Tc^{99m}. Films of the procedure were made, and given to her. On Friday, August 31st, 2001, she took these films with her to an Allina satellite, where she was to have a CT scan, and gave them to the radiologist. Dr. Swanson found no record of this bone scan, thus started an investigation leading to the discovery of the situation. I was notified at 16:30 hours on August 31st, 2001.

On Tuesday September 4th, 2001, Human Resources and Risk Management, at United, were made aware of the incident. It was determined that an incident report would be filed, this person's position at United would be terminated, and the nuclear medicine certification board would be contacted. It was also determined that the Radiation Safety Committee (RSC) would meet at its' earliest convenience.

On September 14, 2001, the RSC met and reviewed the situation. We concluded that the State of MN needed be contacted since this violated Chapter 4730.1530 subpart A of the Ionizing Radiation Rules.

After our telephone conversation on Monday September 17th, 2001, I notified the NRC of this occurrence. I have yet to get a response from them.

The technologist's relative had no adverse effects, nor was in any danger from this procedure.

Our material license number is 22-01914-02. If you need any further information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Jane Johnson, M.S.
Medical Physicist, RSO

Cc: Division III Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Department of Audit.

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