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March 29, 2006

Cassandra Frazier
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Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III (NRC)
2443 Warrenville Road, Suite 210
Lisle, Illinois 60532-4352

Re: NRC License 03-23853-01VA

Dear Mrs. Frazier:

We are enclosing a copy of the signed NRC Form 591M Part 1 for NRC License Number 03-23853-01VA, regarding the inspection at the VA Medical/Regional Office Center, Togus, Maine, on February 23, 2006. The form has been posted per 10 CFR 19.11.

Please contact me if you have any questions at (501) 257-1574.

Sincerely,


Lisa Maloy Offutt
Administrative Officer

Enclosure

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SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT AND COMPLIANCE INSPECTION

1. LICENSEE/LOCATION INSPECTED:
VA Medical / Regional Office Center
1 VA Center
Togus, Maine 04330

REPORT Nos 03034325/06-004

2. NRC/REGIONAL OFFICE

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region I, 475 Allendale Road
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406-1415

3. DOCKET NUMBER(S)
030-34325

4. LICENSE NUMBER(S)
03-23853-01VA

5. DATE(S) OF INSPECTION
2/23/06

LICENSEE:

The inspection was an examination of the activities conducted under your license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) rules and regulations and the conditions of your license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector. The inspection findings are as follows:

- 1. Based on the inspection findings, no violations were identified.
- 2. Previous violation(s) closed.
- 3. The violation(s), specifically described to you by the inspector as non-cited violations, are not being cited because they were self-identified, non-repetitive, and corrective action was or is being taken, and the remaining criteria in the NRC Enforcement Policy, NUREG-1600, to exercise discretion, were satisfied.

Non-Cited Violation(s) was/were discussed involving the following requirement(s) and Corrective Action(s):

4. During this inspection certain of your activities, as described below and/or attached, were in violation of NRC requirements and are being cited. This form is a NOTICE OF VIOLATION, which may be subject to posting in accordance with 10 CFR 19.11.

10 CFR 20.1501(a) requires, in part, that a licensee make or cause to be made, surveys that - (1) may be necessary for the licensee to comply with the regulations in this part; and (2) are reasonable under the circumstances to evaluate - (i) the magnitude and extent of radiation levels; (ii) concentrations or quantities of radioactive material; and (iii) the potential radiological hazards.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 20.1003, survey means an evaluation of the radiological conditions and potential hazards incident to the production, use, transfer, release, disposal, or presence of radioactive material or other sources of radiation.

Contrary to the above, on February 23, 2006 the licensee did not make adequate surveys to assure compliance with 10 CFR 20.1201 which limits exposure to the skin of the extremities. Specifically a technician did not perform an adequate survey to detect contamination present on his hands.

The licensee agreed to provide in-service radiation safety training to the technician.

Licensee's Statement of Corrective Actions for Item 4, above.

I hereby state that, within 30 days, the actions described by me to the inspector will be taken to correct the violations identified. This statement of corrective actions is made in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.201 (corrective steps already taken, corrective steps which will be taken, date when full compliance will be achieved). I understand that no further written response to NRC will be required, unless specifically requested.

Title	Printed Name	Signature	Date
LICENSEE'S REPRESENTATIVE	<i>[Signature]</i>	E. LYNN MCGUIRE	3/29/06
NRC INSPECTOR	Thomas k. Thompson	<i>[Signature]</i>	3/17/06



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