



**UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

REGION III  
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June 29, 2006

E. Lynn McGuire, Director  
National Health Physics Program (115HP/NLR)  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans Health Administration  
2200 Fort Roots Drive  
Little Rock, AR 72114

**SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT (IR 030-34325/06-007 (DNMS))  
MEDICAL CENTER, IRON MOUNTAIN, MICHIGAN**

Dear Mr. McGuire:

This refers to the inspection conducted on June 6 through 13, 2006, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Medical Center, Iron Mountain, Michigan. The inspection was limited to a review of activities authorized under Permit No. 21-12916-01. The inspector conducted an exit briefing with the staff at the Medical Center and staff at the National Health Physics Program at the completion of the inspection.

Within the program areas reviewed during this inspection, the inspector did not identify any violations of NRC requirements. Therefore, you are not required to respond to this letter.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be available electronically in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). The NRC's document system is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia J. Pelke".

Patricia J. Pelke, Chief  
Materials Licensing Branch

Docket No. 030-34325  
License No. 03-23853-01VA  
Permit No. 21-12916-01

Enclosure:  
NRC Form 591M

(10-2003)  
10 CFR 2.201

**SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT AND COMPLIANCE INSPECTION**

1. LICENSEE/LOCATION INSPECTED: VA Medical Center 325 East H. Street Iron Mountain, Michigan 49801	2. NRC/REGIONAL OFFICE U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region III 2443 Warrenville Road Lisle, Illinois 60532-4352
REPORT                      2006-007	

3. DOCKET NUMBER(S) 030-34325	4. LICENSEE NUMBER(S) 03-23853-01VA	5. DATE(S) OF INSPECTION 6/6 through 13/2006
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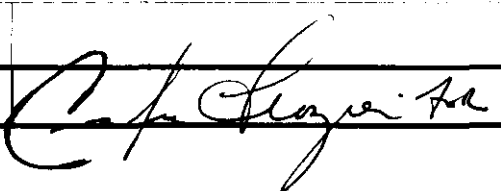
**LICENSEE:**

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.  
  
 (Violations and Corrective Actions)

**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			
NRC INSPECTOR	Michael LaFranzo		6/29/2006

**Docket File Information**  
**SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT**  
**AND COMPLIANCE INSPECTION**

1. LICENSEE <b>VA Medical Center</b> REPORT NUMBER(S) <b>2006-007</b>		2. NRC/REGIONAL OFFICE <b>Region III</b> <b>2443 Warrenville Road</b> <b>Lisle, IL 60532</b>	
3. DOCKET NUMBER(S) <b>030-34325</b>	4. LICENSE NUMBER(S) <b>03-23853-01VA</b>	5. DATE(S) OF INSPECTION <b>6/6 through 6/13/2006</b>	
6. INSPECTION PROCEDURES USED <b>87130/87131</b>	7. INSPECTION FOCUS AREAS <b>03.01-03.07</b>		

**SUPPLEMENTAL INSPECTION INFORMATION**

1. PROGRAM CODE(S) <b>02120/0000</b>	2. PRIORITY <b>NA</b>	3. LICENSEE CONTACT <b>Michael Kemnitz - RSO</b>	4. TELEPHONE NUMBER <b>906-774-3300 ext 32415</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Main Office Inspection		Next Inspection Date: <u>NA</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Field <u>Iron Mountain, Michigan</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Job Site	

**PROGRAM SCOPE**

The permittee at the Iron Mountain VA Medical Center is part of a Master Materials License under the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA). Since January 2004, the licensee has only performed activities under 10 CFR 35.100 and 35.200. The licensee receives one generator on Saturday containing approximately 3.0 Ci. The licensee also performs licensed activities using Xe-133 for which is also received on Saturday, when needed during the week. The licensee has one technician whom is also the site radiation safety officer. The licensee performs approximately 3-6 scans per day. Hours of operation are typically 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

**Performance Observations**

The inspector interviewed the RSO, management and other associated personnel and found each group had adequate knowledge to ensure the safe use and handling of licensed material. The inspector performed a physical inventory and security of all licensed material on site and review records concerning committee meetings, inventory, dosimetry, and training. The inspector did not identify any abnormal issues. The inspector observed the administration of licensed material and the handling of such material throughout the administration process and did not identified any abnormal issues. The inspector performed side by side comparisons with licensee and NRC survey meters and found that licensee survey equipment was functioning properly.

