

SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT AND COMPLIANCE INSPECTION

1. LICENSEE/LOCATION INSPECTED: Terre Haute Regional Hospital 3901 South 7th Street Terre Haute, IN 47802 REPORT NUMBER(S) 2008-001		2. NRC/REGIONAL OFFICE U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region III 2443 Warrenville Road Suite 210 Lisle, Illinois 60532-4351	
3. DOCKET NUMBER(S) 030-09540	4. LICENSEE NUMBER(S) 13-09649-02		5. DATE(S) OF INSPECTION July 29 , 2008

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	Sam Mulay		7/29/08

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6. INSPECTION PROCEDURES USED 87131		7. INSPECTION FOCUS AREAS 03.01-03.07	

SUPPLEMENTAL INSPECTION INFORMATION

1. PROGRAM CODE(S) 2120	2. PRIORITY G3	3. LICENSEE CONTACT Edward Johnston III., RSO	4. TELEPHONE NUMBER 812-232-0021
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Main Office Inspection Next Inspection Date: 08/2011

Field Office _____

Temporary Job Site Inspection _____

PROGRAM SCOPE

This active medical facility performs about 120 diagnostic nuclear medicine procedures monthly. No Mo/Tc99m Generators are received and licensed material is obtain as unit doses through an area nuclear pharmacy. Two full-time technologists are responsible for daily patient imaging, etc. Approximately 6 lung ventilations are performed monthly using xenon-133 and Tc99m DTPA aerosol each.

The licensee's iodine-131 program consists of treatments for hyperthyroidism and about five thyroid ablation treatments annually both in capsule form.

The licensee's conventional brachytherapy program is limited to approximately six ultrasound guided iodine-125 prostate seed implants annually and approximately two temporary implant treatments annually utilizing cesium-137. Iridium-192 is not currently used.

Performance Observations

Interviews conducted with available nuclear medicine staff revealed an adequate level of understanding of emergency and material handling procedures and techniques. Patient injections observed included the use of gloves, personnel dosimetry, syringe shields and proper clothing. Area surveys, package surveys and wipes and dose calibrator constancy checks were demonstrated with no problems noted. Quarterly compliance audits are performed by a consultant physicist and appear to adequately oversee licensed activities.

A random review of radiopharmaceutical and brachytherapy implant written directives included all required information and did not reveal medical or recordable events. Sealed source accountability and leak tests were also well maintained and did not reveal inventory discrepancies or contamination. Cesium-137 brachytherapy sources are leak tested each three years.

Personal dosimetry records were reviewed for 2007 revealed whole-body and extremity readings of 230 mRem and 1250 mRem respectively. YTD 2008 whole-body and extremity readings indicated 98 mRem and 420 mRem respectively.

Overall, licensed material was observed under surveillance during the review and was not readily accessible to members of the general public. Independent measurements taken in restricted and/or unrestricted areas of nuclear medicine and the brachytherapy storage area did not indicate readings above expected.