

**SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT AND COMPLIANCE INSPECTION**

1. LICENSEE/LOCATION INSPECTED:  
Northwest Endocrinology & Diabetes, P.C.  
(See Part 3 for locations inspected)  
  
REPORT NUMBER(S) 2008-001

2. NRC/REGIONAL OFFICE  
REGION III  
US NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
801 WARRENVILLE ROAD  
LISLE IL 60532-4351

3. DOCKET NUMBER(S)  
03036881

4. LICENSE NUMBER(S)  
13-32545-01

5. DATE(S) OF INSPECTION  
11/20/08

**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) were discussed involving the following requirement(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)

Contrary to 10 CFR 35.13(f), the licensee failed to apply for and receive a license amendment before it changed its address of use identified on its license. Specifically, on or about May 19, 2008, the licensee moved out of its address of use at 521 East 86th Avenue, Suite K, Merrillville, Indiana, without applying for or receiving a license amendment to authorize the change.

As corrective action, the licensee submitted a facsimile to the NRC on December 1, 2008, that included a completed NRC Form 314, "Certificate of Disposition of Materials" requesting termination of its NRC license.

**Statement of Corrective Actions**

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			
NRC INSPECTOR	Robert G. Gattone, Jr.	<i>Robert G. Gattone, Jr.</i>	12/10/08

**Docket File Information**  
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6. INSPECTION PROCEDURES USED 87131		7. INSPECTION FOCUS AREAS 03.01, 03.05, and 03.07			

**SUPPLEMENTAL INSPECTION INFORMATION**

1. PROGRAM CODE(S) 02200	2. PRIORITY 3	3. LICENSEE CONTACT Nihad Muhrez, M.D., RSO	4. TELEPHONE NUMBER 219-512-2381
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Main Office Inspection                      Next Inspection Date: 11/20/2008

Field Office Inspection (See below) \_\_\_\_\_

Temporary Job Site Inspection \_\_\_\_\_

**PROGRAM SCOPE**

The licensee administered a maximum of 30 millicuries of iodine-131 in capsule form to outpatients for hyperthyroid therapy about twice per month. On or about May 19, 2008, the licensee moved out of its address of use at 521 East 86th Avenue, Suite K, Merrillville, Indiana, without applying for or receiving a license amendment to authorize the change. The licensee last received licensed material at the address of use from an authorized distributor on March 10, 2008. The licensee conducted close out ambient exposure rate and removable contamination surveys of the address of use before it released it to unrestricted use, and the results were indistinguishable from background. The licensee moved to a new facility at 270 East 90th Drive, Suite B, Merrillville, Indiana; however, the licensee did not receive any radioactive material at the new facility.

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**Performance Observations**

The inspector conducted visual and ambient exposure rate surveys of the address of use and the new facility. The inspector noted that the address of use was essentially empty with no visible evidence of radioactive material. The inspector also noted that there was no visible evidence of radioactive material at the new facility. The inspector used a Ludlum Model 2403, Serial No. 161606, last calibrated on August 7, 2008, to conduct ambient exposure rate surveys of both facilities. The inspector's survey results for both facilities were indistinguishable from background (i.e., 0.05 millirem/hour).