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RE: Reply to a Notice of Violation Dated April 14, 2010
Inspection Report No. 52-31065-01, Docket No. 03036979/2010002

This is the information that you requested in response to the "Notice of Violation" that we received on the letter dated April 19, 2010.

Violation A – Control and surveillance over licensed material.


1. The violation is not accepted as stated.
2. The nuclear medicine laboratory is located behind the reception area. Any patient that is seen by the medical staff/office personal is escorted to the specific room where the patient is treated or interviewed. Therefore all the areas behind the reception area are considered a controlled area and patients are not allowed to wonder through the facility at leaser.
3. We consider that no corrective action is needed. However, the nuclear medicine technologist has a key to lock the nuclear medicine hot lab.
4. Date of full compliance – approximately June 1, 2010, when the door can be repaired.

Violation B – Posting of each room.

1. The violation is not accepted as stated.
2. The Hot lab room is located inside of another room that has the posting on the outer door. Therefore all rooms located behind this door have the potential to contain radioactive materials. Many research facilities label the entrance to the hallway to restrict access to all of the research rooms and each of the rooms are not required to be label with a radiation sign.
3. We consider that no corrective action is needed. However, the nuclear medicine technologist posted a radiation sign on the door when the inspector was at the facility.
4. Date of full compliance – April 19, 2010.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please feel free to contact me at the address above or David Rhoe at 787-245-7248.

Sincerely,


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