

**DEPARTMENT OF  
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Memorandum**

Date: **JAN 03 2006**

From: Director, VHA National Health Physics Program (115HP/NLR)

Subj: Radiation Safety Program Inspection - Inspection Report 663-05-I01

To: Director (663/00), VA Puget Sound Health Care System, Seattle, Washington

1. Michael C. Simmons, VHA National Health Physics Program, inspected the radiation safety program at the VA Puget Sound Health Care System, Seattle, Washington, on December 14-15, 2005. The inspection included a review of radiation safety program elements at the Seattle and American Lake (Tacoma) Divisions.
2. The inspection report is attached. The report consists of an NHPP Form 591 with no violations cited and the security worksheet completed during this inspection.
3. You are not required to respond to this memorandum or return a signed NHPP Form 591.
4. Thank you for the courtesy and cooperation extended during the inspection. Please contact Mr. Simmons at (206) 768-5311, if you have any questions about the inspection.

  
E. Lynn McGuire

Attachment

cc: Chair, National Radiation Safety Committee  
Network Director, VISN 20 (10N20)

**SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT AND COMPLIANCE INSPECTION**

**1. PERMITTEE/PERMIT NUMBER:**

VA Puget Sound Health Care System  
Seattle, Washington  
46-00990-01

**2. LOCATION(S) INSPECTED:**

Seattle Division  
1660 S. Columbia Way  
Seattle, Washington 98108, and  
American Lake Division  
Tacoma, Washington 98409

**3. INSPECTION DATES: December 14-15, 2005**

**4. INSPECTION REPORT NUMBER: 663-05-101**

**PERMITTEE:**

The inspection was an examination of activities under your permit as they relate to radiation safety and compliance with Nuclear Regulatory Commission rules and regulations and your permit conditions. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and performance-based 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, are not being cited because they were self-identified, non-repetitive, 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) and corrective action(s):

- 4. During this inspection certain of your activities, as described below and/or attached, were in violation of Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements and are being cited. This form is a NOTICE OF VIOLATION, which may be subject to posting per 10 CFR 19.11. The violations and corrective actions are as follows:

**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 per 10 CFR 2.201 (corrective steps already taken, corrective steps which will be taken, date when full compliance will be achieved). I understand no further written response to the VHA National Health Physics Program will be required, unless specifically requested.

TITLE	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
PERMITTEE			
NHPP INSPECTOR	Michael C. Simmons	<i>Michael C. Simmons</i>	December 15, 2005

General Security Audit

Permittee: Seattle, Washington (December 14-15, 2005)

Security Issue	Yes	No
<b>Radioactive Materials and/or Radiation Sources - - Authorizations, Accountability, Inventories, and Emergency Response</b>		
Does the permittee have adequate procedures for radioactive material and sealed source accountability and emergency response?	X	
Does the permittee have adequate detect, delay, and response methods for sealed sources including two delay methods where feasible?	X	
Does the permittee have any sealed sources with activities greater than 1 millicurie?	X	
Does the permittee complete quarterly sealed source inventories?	X	
Does the permittee have any sealed sources in the disused source category?	X	
Does the permit, in Items 6-8, list sealed sources that are not or will not soon be possessed?		X
Does the permittee possess any sealed sources that are not authorized by the permit?		X
<b>Coordination with VA Police Service</b>		
Has the permittee informed the VA Police Service about locations of delivery, use, and storage?	X	
Has the permittee provided the VA Police Service a list of workers and other persons with unescorted access to radioactive material?	X	
Has the permittee provided the VA Police Service procedures for emergencies and a recall list?	X	
Has the permittee provided training to the VA Police Service regarding radioactive material?	X	
Has the permittee completed an annual vulnerability assessment with VA Police Service?	X	
<b>Performance-Based Evaluation</b>		
Does the permittee comply with 10 CFR 20.1801?	X	
Does the permittee comply with 10 CFR 20.1802?	X	
Is the security of radioactive material adequate and commensurate with possible risks?	X	