

Hospital	Event Number: 43265
Rep Org: DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS Licensee: DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS Region: 4 City: LITTLE ROCK State: AR County: License #: 03-23583-01VA Agreement: Y Docket: NRC Notified By: GARY WILLIAMS HQ OPS Officer: JASON KOZAL	Notification Date: 03/29/2007 Notification Time: 12:48 [ET] Event Date: 05/31/2006 Event Time: [CDT] Last Update Date: 03/30/2007
Emergency Class: NON EMERGENCY 10 CFR Section: 35.3045(a)(1) - DOSE <> PRESCRIBED DOSAGE	Person (Organization): JULIO LARA (R3) GREG MORELL (FSME)

Event Text

MEDICAL EVENT - PATIENT RECEIVED DOSE GREATER THAN PRESCRIBED

"The possible medical event occurred at a broad-scope permittee authorized under the master materials license issued to the Department of Veterans Affairs, NRC License 03-23853-01VA.

"The permittee is VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System, Denver, Colorado. The possible medical event occurred on May 31, 2006. The possible medical event was discovered on March 28, 2007.

"The basis for the possible medical event is under 10 CFR 35.3045(a)(1)(i) and involved administration of a dose different from the dose prescribed in the written directive.

"Specifically, the written directive for a patient therapy procedure listed the dose to be 15 millicuries Iodine 131 when in fact 30 millicuries was given to the patient. Since the clinical intent was for the patient to receive 30 millicuries, the possible medical event will not have any adverse impact on the patient.

"The permittee has implemented corrective actions to prevent a recurrence of the circumstances that resulted in the possible medical event.

"The Department of Veterans Affairs will evaluate the circumstances related to the possible medical event and submit a written report to NRC, Region III, within 15 days."

* * * UPDATE ON 3/30/2007 AT 0720 FROM FLANNERY (NRC/FSME) VIA E-MAIL TO ABRAMOVITZ *
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This event has been reviewed and determined to be a reportable medical event.

A "Medical Event" may indicate potential problems in a medical facility's use of radioactive materials. It does not necessarily result in harm to the patient.