

Hospital	Event Number: 44663
Rep Org: VA NATIONAL HEALTH PHYSICS PROGRAM Licensee: NEW YORK HEALTHCARE SYSTEM Region: 1 City: BROOKLYN State: NY County: License #: 03233853-01VA Agreement: Y Docket: NRC Notified By: THOMAS E. HUSTON HQ OPS Officer: BILL HUFFMAN	Notification Date: 11/18/2008 Notification Time: 08:53 [ET] Event Date: 09/18/2008 Event Time: [EST] Last Update Date: 11/18/2008
Emergency Class: NON EMERGENCY 10 CFR Section: 35.3045(a)(1) - DOSE <> PRESCRIBED DOSAGE	Person (Organization): KENNETH O'BRIEN (R3) MICHELE BURGESS (FSME)

Event Text

TREATMENT SITE DOSE LESS THAN PRESCRIBED

"A medical event is reported for one patient treated by the VA New York Harbor Healthcare System in Brooklyn, New York. The event was discovered November 17, 2008. The basis for this event is that the D90 dose to the treatment site was slightly less than 80% of the prescribed dose. The treatment involved permanent implant prostate brachytherapy using Iodine-125 seeds. The patient implant date was September 18, 2008. A supplemental implant procedure was performed to achieve an acceptable D90. Adverse effects on the patient are not expected from this medical event.

"A 15-day written report of this medical event will be submitted to NRC Region III. We have notified our NRC Project Manager, Cassandra Frazier (NRC Region III) of this event.

"Department of Veterans Affairs has a Master Materials License (MML) from the NRC: License No. 03-23853-01VA. Permits are issued under the MML to VA facilities. VHA permit number of permittee involved in event: Permit No. 31-62892-03. Address of permittee involved in this event: New York Harbor Healthcare System, 800 Poly Place, Brooklyn, New York, 11209."

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