

St. Mary's Healthcare Center

September 2, 2011

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SUBJECT: REPLY TO A NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Vasquez:

This refers to the inspection conducted on July 26, 2011 and the corrective actions taken for the violations.

The first Severity Level IV violation was failure to maintain adequate security of check sources in the nuclear medicine department hotlab.

Reason for violation: The technologist opened the lab to perform daily activities such as calibrations and floods and was called out of the department. The technologist left the hotlab unlocked and unattended.

The corrective steps taken: A keyless entry doorknob was placed on the main door to the nuclear medicine department. This action took place August 31, 2011.

The second Severity Level IV violation was the failure to perform contamination wipes on incoming packages.

Reason for violation: Department routine was to perform wipe tests on incoming packages only if package arrived damaged or survey at 30cm was 10mR/hr or more and survey at surface of package was 200mR/hr or more.

The corrective steps taken: Department routine now: Wipe test is to be done by using the Model 05-578 Victoreen Delux Wipe Test counter, located in the technologist office. Before opening the type A package, wet a swab with alcohol or water, wipe external area of the package. Open the package and wipe each pig with the same swab. Allow swab to dry, place on tray of counter and slide under counter. Press count button. If "Green" pass light comes on, check pass box. If "Red" fail light comes on, mark fail box and record reading, and redo the wipe test using a different swab for each pig to determine which dose is leaking. Notify the Radiation Safety Officer if the test fails. This corrective action took place July 27, 2011, and new forms for documentation were created September 2, 2011.

Please let us know if further responses or actions are needed.

Sincerely,


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Radiation Safety Officer

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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Information Notice 96-28