

Docket File Information

SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT AND COMPLIANCE INSPECTION

1. LICENSEE/LOCATION INSPECTED: Rush Memorial Hospital 8368 Young Road Fort Wayne, Indiana 46835 REPORT NUMBER(S) 12-01		2. NRC/REGIONAL OFFICE Region III U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 2443 Warrenville Road, Suite 210 Lisle, IL 60532-4352	
3. DOCKET NUMBER(S) 030-34900	4. LICENSE NUMBER(S) 13-32145-01	5. DATE(S) OF INSPECTION May 9, 2012	
6. INSPECTION PROCEDURES USED 87131	7. INSPECTION FOCUS AREAS 03.01 - 03.07		

SUPPLEMENTAL INSPECTION INFORMATION

1. PROGRAM CODE(S) 02120	2. PRIORITY 3	3. LICENSEE CONTACT Randall W. Fields, M.D. - RSO	4. TELEPHONE NUMBER (765) 932-7556
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- Main Office Inspection Next Inspection Date: 05/01/2015
- Field Office Inspection _____
- Temporary Job Site Inspection _____

PROGRAM SCOPE

This was a routine inspection of a 22 bed hospital that performed between four and seven diagnostic nuclear medicine procedures per week. One full time nuclear medicine technologist performed all patient procedures Mondays through Thursdays. The licensee obtained unit doses of licensed material from an area nuclear pharmacy, and did not use bulk material or molybdenum/technetium generators. The licensee performed primarily bone, cardiac, and gall bladder scans. Since the previous NRC inspection in February 2009, the licensee had performed two therapeutic administrations of I-131, most recently in June 2010.

PERFORMANCE OBSERVATIONS

The inspector observed one diagnostic administration of technicium-99m during the inspection. This observation, combined with interviews of available staff, revealed an adequate level of understanding of emergency and material handling procedures and techniques. The licensee successfully described or demonstrated dose calibrator constancy checks, package receipt, daily surveys, and waste handling and disposal procedures. The inspector confirmed that these activities were successfully completed by reviewing selected records since the previous inspection. The inspector also reviewed the written directives and supporting documentation of both therapeutic administrations that had been completed since the previous inspection. The administrations were completed in accordance with the regulatory requirements and the licensee's procedure, and the licensee's technologist was familiar with the definition of a medical event. A contract physicist performed quarterly program audits that were adequate to oversee the program.

Licensed material was adequately secured and not readily accessible to members of the general public. The licensee possessed a radiation survey meter that was calibrated, operational, and performed comparably to readings from an NRC survey meter. Personal whole body and extremity dosimetry badges were observed being worn by the staff during the inspection, and records did not indicate doses in excess of 10 CFR Part 20 limits. Dosimetry records indicated that the highest annual whole body and extremity readings since the previous inspection were 387 mrem and 600 mrem, respectively.

No violations were identified during this inspection.