

SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT AND COMPLIANCE INSPECTION

1. LICENSEE/LOCATION INSPECTED:

Community Howard Regional Health, Inc.
3500 South La Fountain Street
Kokomo, IN 46902

REPORT NUMBER(S) 2013-001

2. NRC/REGIONAL OFFICE

Region III
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
2443 Warrenville Road, Suite 210
Lisle, IL 60532-4352

3. DOCKET NUMBER(S)

030-13342

4. LICENSE NUMBER(S)

13-13028-02

5. DATE(S) OF INSPECTION

June 25, 2013

LICENSEE:

The inspection was an examination of the activities conducted under your license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) rules and regulations and the conditions of your license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector. The inspection findings are as follows:

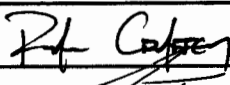

- ☒ 1. Based on the inspection findings, no violations were identified.
- ☐ 2. Previous violation(s) closed.
- ☐ 3. The violation(s), specifically described to you by the inspector as non-cited violations, are not being cited because they were self-identified, non-repetitive, and corrective action was or is being taken, and the remaining criteria in the NRC Enforcement Policy, to exercise discretion, were satisfied.

Non-cited violation(s) were discussed involving the following requirement(s):

- ☐ 4. During this inspection, certain of your activities, as described below and/or attached, were in violation of NRC requirements and are being cited in accordance with NRC Enforcement Policy. This form is a NOTICE OF VIOLATION, which may be subject to posting in accordance with 10 CFR 19.11.
(Violations and Corrective Actions)

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 in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.201 (corrective steps already taken, corrective steps which will be taken, date when full compliance will be achieved). I understand that no further written response to NRC will be required, unless specifically requested.

TITLE	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
LICENSEE'S REPRESENTATIVE			
NRC INSPECTOR	Ryan Craffey		7/1/13
BRANCH CHIEF	Aaron McCraw		7/1/13

Docket File Information

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6. INSPECTION PROCEDURES USED

87131

7. INSPECTION FOCUS AREAS

All

SUPPLEMENTAL INSPECTION INFORMATION

1. PROGRAM CODE(S)

02120

2. PRIORITY

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3. LICENSEE CONTACT

Rik Stephens, MD - RSO

4. TELEPHONE NUMBER

(765) 453-0702

☒ Main Office Inspection

Next Inspection Date: June 2016

☐ Field Office Inspection☐ Temporary Job Site Inspection

PROGRAM SCOPE

This licensee is a 300-bed regional hospital authorized by its NRC license to use unsealed byproduct material for diagnostic and therapeutic procedures under 10 CFR 35.100, 35.200 and 35.300 at its facility in Kokomo, IN. A local radiopharmacy delivers unit doses to the hospital for a wide variety of diagnostic procedures and for therapeutic administrations in the treatment of hyperthyroidism and carcinoma therapy. The hospital employs one full time and two part time nuclear medicine technologists who staff the department Mondays through Fridays. The licensee performs approximately 25 diagnostic procedures per week and approximately 2-3 therapeutic administrations per month. The hospital retains the services of a medical physics consultant to perform instrument calibrations, leak tests and quarterly audits of the radiation safety program.

PERFORMANCE OBSERVATIONS

The inspector toured the nuclear medicine laboratory and observed the full-time nuclear medicine technologist perform package receipt and instrument quality control. The inspector witnessed the preparation and administration of two thyroid imaging studies and one bone scan. Independent surveys of the hot lab and other areas of the nuclear medicine department found no contamination or exposures to members of the public distinguishable from background. The nuclear medicine technologist and Radiation Safety Officer both demonstrated adequate knowledge of radiation safety principles and procedures through interviews.

The inspector reviewed the licensee's procedures for the administration of radiopharmaceuticals requiring a written directive, and verified that they provided high confidence that the patient's identity was verified before each administration, and that each administration was in accordance with the written directive. The inspector also reviewed a selection of licensee records, including written directives, patient release calculations, quarterly audit reports, spill reports, instrument calibration data and training documentation. The inspector also reviewed monthly dosimetry records, which indicated annual whole-body and extremity doses below regulatory limits.

No violations of NRC requirements were identified as a result of this inspection.