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November 20, 2013

Ms. Veronica Hingle, M.D., Radiation Safety Officer
Central Montana Medical Center
408 Wendall Avenue
Lewistown, MT 59457

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 030-14819/2013-001 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Ms. Hingle:

This refers to the routine, unannounced inspection that was conducted on November 7, 2013, at your facility in Lewistown, Montana. The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license as they relate to safety and compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of the license. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selected examination of procedures and representative records and interviews with personnel. Inspection findings were discussed with you and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Based on the results of this inspection, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has determined that one Severity Level IV violation of NRC requirements occurred. The violation was evaluated in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy. The current Enforcement Policy is included on the NRC's Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/enforce-pol.html>. The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) because it was identified by the NRC during the inspection, rather than being identified by your staff. The violation involved a failure to wear a personal monitoring device while using radioactive material. A similar violation was identified during the previous inspection conducted on September 23, 2010.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The guidance in NRC Information Notice 96-28, "Suggested Guidance Relating to Development and Implementation of Corrective Action," may be helpful. You can find the Information Notice on the NRC website at: <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/gen-comm/info-notices/1996/in96028.html>. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosures, and your response, will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal

privacy, proprietary, information so that it can be made available to the Public without redaction. If personal privacy or proprietary information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, please provide a bracketed copy of your response that identifies the information that should be protected and a redacted copy of your response that deletes such information. If you request withholding of such information, you must specifically identify the portions of your response that you seek to have withheld and provide in detail the bases for your claim of withholding (e.g. explain why the disclosure of information will create an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy or provide the information required by 10 CFR 2.390(b) to support a request for withholding confidential commercial or financial information).

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or the enclosed Notice, please contact Mr. Don Stearns at 817-200-1176, or the undersigned at 817-200-1130.

Sincerely,

/RA/

G. Michael Vasquez, Chief
Nuclear Materials Safety Branch A
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Central Montana Medical Center
Lewistown, Montana

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During the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection conducted on November 7, 2013, one violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with NRC Enforcement Policy, the violation is listed below:

License Condition 15 of NRC Materials License 25-18307-01, Amendment 18, states, in part, that the licensee shall conduct its program in accordance with the statements, representations, and procedures contained in the documents, including any enclosures, in the application dated January 26, 2005.

The January 26, 2005, application states, in part, that the licensee will develop, implement, and maintain procedures for safe use of unsealed byproduct material that meet the requirements of 10 CFR 20.1101 and 10 CFR 20.1301.

The licensee developed, implemented, and maintained a procedure for safe use of unsealed byproduct material that met the requirements of 10 CFR 20.1101 and 10 CFR 20.1301. The policy and procedure entitled, "Safe Use of Radiopharmaceuticals," states, in part, that the licensee will wear personal monitoring devices at all times while in areas where radioactive materials are used or stored.

Contrary to the above, on November 5 – 7, 2013, licensee personnel failed to wear personal monitoring devices at all times while in areas where radioactive materials were used or stored. Specifically, one of the licensee's personnel failed to wear whole body dosimetry while using radioactive materials.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Section 6.7)

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Central Montana Medical Center, is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555-0001, with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region IV, 1600 E. Lamar Blvd., Arlington, Texas, 76011, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation@ and should include for the violation: (1) the reason for the violation or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation or severity level; (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved; (3) the corrective steps that will be taken; and (4) the date when full compliance was, or will be, achieved. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a Demand for Information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

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If you contest this enforcement action, you should also provide a copy of your response, with the basis for your denial, to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

In accordance with 10 CFR 19.11, you are required to post this Notice within two working days.

Dated this 20th day of November 2013