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Washington, DC 20555

Gentlemen:

Attached is the Licensee Event Report (LER) for the reportable event that occurred on 27 December 2016, and was reported to the USNRC Operations Center and the AFRRRI Project Manager Mr. Alexander Adams telephonically (NRC Notification Number 52461), submitted under 10CFR 73.71.

The point of contact for further information is Stephen Miller, Reactor Facility Director at (301) 295-9245, stephen.miller@usuhs.edu

Sincerely,

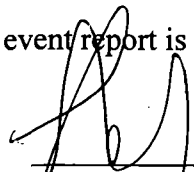
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**Licensee Event Report
For the
AFRRI TRIGA Reactor Facility
Docket 50-170**

I declare under penalty of perjury that this event report is true and correct



STEPHEN MILLER
Reactor Facility Director

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Abstract

At approximately 9:00 on 27 December 2016, a reactor staff member discovered a handgun in the open pocket of a backpack belonging to another reactor staff member. The staff member contacted the Security Operations Sargent who took possession of the weapon, rendered it safe and the base police were called. The individual was taken into custody by the base police. The RFD was notified at approximately 10:00

The event was reported telephonically to the NRC Operations Center as required. (report number 52461).

Immediate actions included taking possession of the weapon and immediately revoking the individual's access to AFRRRI spaces.

The incident was processed by the base police, and it was determined that the possession of a handgun by the military member was not a willful act, and the individual was not charged. The incident was returned to the Brigade for disposition.

Subsequent discussions with the Brigade Commander and Command Master Chief were held on 13 January. It was decided that the individual would not be allowed access back into the AFRRRI complex.

After investigation, it was determined that the actions of all personnel involved in the incident were appropriate. The weapon was removed and the individual was denied access, his person and vehicle searched, and he was turned over to the base police for processing. The individual who discovered the weapon was commended for her swift action to ensure the safety of the staff.

Description of Corrective Actions

Facility management investigated the circumstances of the event, and concluded that the weapon being introduced into the facility was not a willful act and that the offending individual did not have malevolent intent. The following corrective actions will be completed.

1. Access to the AFRRRI complex was permanently revoked and all keys returned.
2. A new sign will be placed at the entrance to the Controlled Access Area 3161.
3. All licensed personnel and trainees will be asked to sign a statement stating that they understand that the introduction of a weapon into the facility is a federal crime and will be prosecuted.

Reference to Any Previous Similar Events

A review of records for the past 10 years did not find any similar events.

Point of Contact for any Questions

Point of contact for additional information is Stephen Miller, Reactor Facility Director, (301) 295-9245