

SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT AND COMPLIANCE INSPECTION

1. LICENSEE/LOCATION INSPECTED:
Department of Health and Human Services
Food and Drug Administration
National Center for Toxicological Research
3900 NCTR Road
Jefferson, Arkansas

REPORT NO.: 2017-001

2. NRC/REGIONAL OFFICE

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV, 1600 East Lamar Blvd
Arlington, Texas 76011-4511

3. DOCKET NUMBER

030-08559

4. LICENSE NUMBER

03-15093-01

5. DATE(S) OF INSPECTION

05/31/2017

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) was/were discussed involving the following requirement(s) and Corrective Action(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. This form is a NOTICE OF VIOLATION, which may be subject to posting in accordance with 10 CFR 19.11.

License Condition 24.A of NRC License 03-15093-01, Amendment No. 18, dated March 25, 2016, requires, in part, that the licensee conduct its program in accordance with the application dated June 22, 2007.

The application, under Item No. 10 *Radiation Safety Program*, requires, in part, that the licensee will have adequate instruments to conduct necessary surveys, and that they will be calibrated annually to ensure accurate dose assessment and/or the presence of contamination in the workplace.

Contrary to the above, the licensee failed to have adequate instruments that were calibrated annually to ensure accurate dose assessment and/or the presence of contamination in the workplace. Specifically, the licensee utilized several radiation survey instruments to conduct required surveys through May 31, 2017, of which the most recent was calibrated on January 14, 2016, a period greater than 12 months. In accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy, this has been characterized as a Severity Level IV violation.

In order to correct this violation, you have committed to immediately sending your survey instruments out for calibration by a third-party, labeling unused or unneeded survey instruments "Not In Service" until disposal or appropriate calibration, and securing the use of a calibrated survey instrument during the interim period while other survey instruments are being calibrated.

Licensee's Statement of Corrective Actions for Item 4, above.

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
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Kimberly D. Daniel, RSO

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