

Docket File Information
SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT AND COMPLIANCE INSPECTION

1. LICENSEE/LOCATION INSPECTED: Community Care Network 103 E. 89th Ave. Merrillville, IN 46410 REPORT NUMBER(S) 2018001	2. NRC/REGIONAL OFFICE Region III U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 2443 Warrenville Road, Suite 210 Lisle, IL 60532-4352
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6. INSPECTION PROCEDURES USED 87130	7. INSPECTION FOCUS AREAS 3.01-3.07
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SUPPLEMENTAL INSPECTION INFORMATION

1. PROGRAM CODE(S) 02201	2. PRIORITY 5	3. LICENSEE CONTACT Sharon Updike, RSO	4. TELEPHONE NUMBER (219) 796-0400
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Main Office Inspection Next Inspection Date: 08/28/2023

Field Office Inspection _____

Temporary Job Site Inspection _____

PROGRAM SCOPE

This was an unannounced, routine inspection of a small cardiology clinic in Merrillville, Indiana, authorized to use licensed material under 10 CFR 35.100 and 35.200. The clinic was open Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 6:30 am to 3:30 pm. The clinic employed one full-time, and two part-time nuclear medicine technologists (NMTs) who performed approximately 9-10 cardiac imaging studies per week. The licensee primarily utilized unit doses of Tc-99m for the diagnostic imaging studies; unit doses were received from a local radiopharmacy. Doses commonly used for the cardiac rest and stress tests were 10 mCi and 30 mCi of Tc-99m, respectively. The Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) for the license was an outside consultant who oversaw the radiation safety program, and conducted quarterly audits.

PERFORMANCE OBSERVATIONS

The inspector toured the facility to evaluate the licensee's measures for materials security, hazard communication, and exposure control. During the time of the inspection, no patient studies were conducted. Licensee staff demonstrated/discussed: (1) package receipt procedures; (2) daily calibrator checks; (3) dose preparation; (4) procedures for handling and disposing of radioactive waste; (5) daily and weekly surveys; (5) spill response procedures; and (6) access restrictions to the hot lab. The licensee had a calibrated, operational survey meter in the hot lab. The inspector also reviewed select records including: (1) quarterly audit reports; (2) dose calibrator constancy, linearity, and accuracy tests records; (3) survey meter calibrations; (4) daily survey and weekly wipe test results; (5) source leak test records; (6) disposal logs; (7) training records, including DOT Hazmat training, and (8) dosimetry reports. The review of dosimetry records indicated no exposures of regulatory concern.

Additionally, the inspector conducted independent and confirmatory surveys, and found no residual contamination or exposures to members of the public in excess of regulatory limits.

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

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