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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 03034325/2019008 (DNMS) – RALPH H. JOHNSON  
VA MEDICAL CENTER, CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Dear Dr. Leidholdt:

On April 17, 2019, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a routine inspection at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center, Charleston, South Carolina. The inspection was limited to a review of activities authorized under Permit No. 39-12130-02. The inspector conducted an exit meeting with the management and staff at the facility at the completion of the inspection.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under the Permit as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, independent measurements, and observation of activities in progress. Within the scope of the inspection, no violations of NRC requirements were identified; therefore, no response to this letter or the enclosed NRC Form 591M is required.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) 2.390 of the NRC's "rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC's Public Document Room or 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>).

E. Leidholdt, Jr.,

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection or the enclosed report, please contact Bryan Parker of my staff at 678-828-7050.

Sincerely,

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Patricia J. Pelke, Chief  
Materials Licensing Branch  
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

Docket No. 030-34325  
License No. 03-23853-01VA  
Permit No. 39-12130-02

Enclosure:  
IR 03034325/2019008

**SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT AND COMPLIANCE INSPECTION**

<p>1. LICENSEE/LOCATION INSPECTED:</p> <p>Department of Veterans Affairs Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center 109 Bee St. Charleston, South Carolina 29401</p> <p>REPORT NUMBER(S) 030-34325/2019008</p>	<p>2. NRC/REGIONAL OFFICE</p> <p>Region III U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 2443 Warrenville Road, Suite 210 Lisle, IL 60532-4352</p>
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<p>3. DOCKET NUMBER(S)</p> <p>030-34325</p>	<p>4. LICENSE NUMBER(S)</p> <p>03-23853-01VA</p>	<p>5. DATE(S) OF INSPECTION</p> <p>April 17, 2019</p>
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**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:

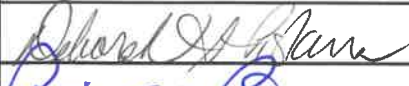

- 1. Based on the inspection findings, no violations were identified.
- 2. Previous violation(s) closed.
- 3. The violation(s), specifically described to you by the inspector as non-cited violations, are not being cited because they were self-identified, non-repetitive, and corrective action was or is 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	Deborah A. Piskura, Senior Health Physicist		5/7/2019
BRANCH CHIEF	Patricia J. Pelke, Chief, MLB		5/7/2019



Letter to Edwin M. Leidholdt, Jr., from Patricia J. Pelke dated May 7, 2019.

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