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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.

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

Sincerely,

/RA/

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

NRC FORM 591M F (07-2012) 10 CFR 2.201	SAFETY INSPECTION	REPORT AN		CLEAR REGULATORY	COMMISSION				
1. LICENSEE/LOCATI	ON INSPECTED:		2. NRC/REGIONAL OFFICE						
Department of Veterans Affairs Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center 109 Bee St. Charleston, South Carolina 29401 REPORT NUMBER(S) 030-34325/2019008			Region III U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 2443 Warrenville Road, Suite 210 Lisle, IL 60532-4352						
3. DOCKET NUMBER(S		4. LICENSE NUMBER	(S)	5. DATE(S) OF INSPECTIO	N				
030-34325 03-23853-01VA		A	April 17, 2019						
Regulatory Commiss	an examination of the activities conduct sion (NRC) rules and regulations and th esentative records, interviews with pers	e conditions of your l	icense. The inspection consist	ed of selective examination	ons of				
1. Based or	n the inspection findings, no violations v	vere identified.							
2. Previous	violation(s) closed.								
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	Non-cited violation(s) were discuss	ed involving the follo	wing requirement(s):						
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TITLE	PRINTED NAME	TO Idition Wittell	SIGNATURE	oa, unicee epecifically req	DATE				
LICENSEE'S REPRESENTATIVE									
NRC INSPECTOR	Deborah A. Piskura, Senior Healt	th Physicist	Shord SA Ka	ine	5/7/2019				
BRANCH CHIEF	Patricia J. Pelke, Chief, MLB	fact	mia C Ho		5/4/2019				
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SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT AND COMPLIANCE INSPECTION								
1. LICENSEE/LOCATION INSPECT	ED:		2. NRC/REGIONAL OFFICE					
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030-34325		03-23853-01VA		April 17, 2019				
6. INSPECTION PROCEDURES USB 87130, 87131 & 87132	ED	7. INSPECTION FOCUS AREAS 03.01 - 03.07						
		iigii	ION INFORMATION					
1. PROGRAM CODE(S) 03614	2. PRIORITY 2	3. LICENSEE CONTAC Ed Leidholdt, Ph	a.D., Director, NHPP	4. TELEPHONE NUMBER (707) 562-8374				
Main Office Inspec	otion	Next Inspection	n Date: N/A					
✓ Field Office Inspec	tion VA Medical (Center, Charleston	ı, SC					
Temporary Job Sit	e Inspection							
		PROGRAM SC	OPE					
The Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center (permittee) of the DVA was authorized to use licensed material specified in 10 CFR Sections 35.100, 35.200, 35.300, and 35.1000 limited to Y-90 microspheres in the TheraSphere system under Permit No. 39-12130-02. The radiation safety program was managed by a dedicated full-time RSO with support by an assistant RSO.								
diagnostic studies. The p performed daily by techno- therapeutic radiopharmac	technologists who person and bulk Tc-99n permittee operated a shologists who rotated electrical program limit ions of 10 CFR 35.75	erformed approxim for kit preparation separate PET depart from the nuclear mated to I-131 treatms. The permittee a	nately 250 diagnostic proon. The department admirtment within the hospital medicine department. The nents (15-20 cases annual)	ocedures per month. The inistered a full spectrum of al. The PET studies were ne hospital maintained an active				
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No violations of NRC req	quirements were iden	tified during this in	nspection.					
An exit meeting was held with hospital and NHPP staff at the conclusion of the onsite inspection								

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

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