

REDINGTON-FAIRVIEW GENERAL HOSPITAL
Fairview Avenue
Skowhegan, Maine 04976

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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region 1
475 Allendale Road
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

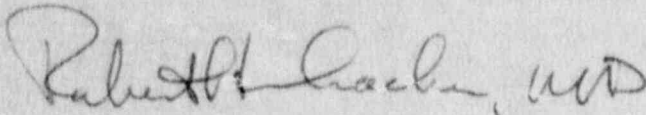
Dear Sirs;

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, I am responding to the severity level IV violation found on routine inspection number 030-08713/89-001.

At the present time, wipe tests for surface contamination are and will be performed on all spent Molybdenum-99/technetium-99m generators shipped for disposal. All technologists performing nuclear medicine procedures in this Department are aware of the change in policy and implemented this procedure. Full compliance has been achieved since the inspection on 17 July 1989.

Eight generators have been transported out of our facility to disposal sites since then. All eight generators were wiped for surface contamination and all were found to be below the limit specified for contaminations. In the future, spent generators will be shipped approximately every eight weeks and will be wiped for surface contamination with each shipment.

Sincerely yours,



Robert Steinhacker, M.D.
Radiologist

RS:sl

cc: Mr. MacArthur
Terry Zipper

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Docket No. 030-08713

License No. 18-15190-01

Redington Fairview General Hospital
ATTN: Robert Steinhacker, M.D.
Radiation Safety Officer
Fairview Avenue
Skowhegan, Maine 04976

Gentlemen:

Subject: Routine Inspection No. 030-08713/89-001

On June 6, 1989, R. B. Provencher of this office conducted a routine safety inspection at the above address of activities authorized by the above listed NRC license. The inspection was an examination of your licensed activities as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's regulations and the license conditions. The inspection consisted of observations by the inspector, interviews with personnel, and a selective examination of representative records. The findings of the inspection were discussed with you and Pam Dawes of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements. A Notice of Violation is enclosed as Appendix A and categorizes each violation by severity level in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (Enforcement Policy). You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and your reply will be placed in the Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jean A. Giesch

for Mohamed M. Shanbaky, Chief
Nuclear Materials Safety Section A
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

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Enclosure:
Appendix A, Notice of Violation

cc:
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Nuclear Safety Information Center (NSIC)
State of Maine
Benjamin MacArthur, CEO

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Region I Docket Room (w/concurrences)
Management Assistant, DRMA
R. B. Provencher

APPENDIX A

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

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Skowhegan, Maine 04976

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As a result of the inspection conducted on June 6, 1989, and in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (Enforcement Policy) (1988), the following violation was identified:

- A. 10 CFR 71.5(a) requires that licensees who transport licensed material outside the confines of their plants or deliver licensed material to a carrier for transport comply with the applicable requirements of the regulations appropriate to the mode of transport of the Department of Transportation (DOT) in 49 CFR Part 170-189.

49 CFR 173.475(i) requires that, prior to each shipment of any package, the shipper ensure by examination or appropriate test that the external radiation and contamination levels are within allowable limits.

Contrary to the above, as of June 6, 1989, packages containing spent molybdenum-99/technetium-99m generators were routinely delivered to a carrier for transport and no tests had been made to assure that the surface contamination levels were within allowable limits.

This is a Severity Level IV violation. (Supplement V)

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Redington Fairview General Hospital is hereby required to submit to this office within thirty days of the date of the letter which transmitted this Notice, a written statement or explanation in reply, including: (1) the corrective steps which have been taken and the results achieved; (2) corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further violations; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending this response time.

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