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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Veterans Administration Medical Center (EA 89-165)
New York, New York
License No. 31-00032-04

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY - \$2,500

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of \$2,500 will be issued on or about October 13, 1989 to Veterans Administration Medical Center, New York, New York. This action is based on 13 violations that, in the aggregate, were considered to represent a breakdown in control of licensed activities. These violations include: (1) failure of the Medical Isotopes Committee to approve users of licensed material and to perform the required annual review of the entire radiation safety program; (2) failure to properly secure radioactive material to prevent unauthorized removal; (3) failure to evaluate whole body and extremity radiation exposures of personnel working in restricted areas and failure to evaluate exposures of persons handling millicurie amounts of phosphorus-32; (4) failure to perform proper surveys of radioactive material packages prior to opening; (5) failure to perform dose calibrator constancy checks before assay of patient doses; and (6) storage of food in areas where radioactive materials are stored and used.

It should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the enforcement action. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Mailing of Notice October 13, 1989
Telephone Notification of Licensee October 13, 1989

The State of New York will be notified.

The licensee has thirty days from the date of the Notice in which to respond. Following NRC evaluation of the response, the civil penalty may be remitted, mitigated, or imposed by Order.

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