

ENCLOSURE

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Veterans Administration Medical Center
Louisville, Kentucky

Docket No. 030-01747
License No. 16-03121-02

During the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection conducted on September 13-14, 1989, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1989), the violation is listed below:

10 CFR 35.92(a)(1) requires that byproduct material held for decay-in-storage before disposal in ordinary trash be held a minimum of ten half-lives.

Contrary to the above, as of September 14, 1989, byproduct material held for decay-in-storage was routinely sent for disposal in ordinary trash before the required ten half-lives. Specifically, the container used to collect waste for decay-in-storage was surveyed and disposed of when it was full, resulting in some material not being decayed for the required time.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Veterans Administration Medical Center is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555, with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region II, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice. This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include: (1) admission or denial of the violation, (2) the reason for the violation if admitted, (3) the corrective steps which have been taken and the results achieved, (4) the corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further violations, and (5) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time. If


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an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order may be issued to show cause why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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Dated at Atlanta, Georgia
this *9th* day of November 1989