

August 5, 1980

OFFICE OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT  
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

EN-80-17A

Licensee: Providence Hospital, Anchorage, Alaska  
License No. 50-17838-01

Subject: IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTIES - \$1,500

By EN-80-17, dated May 5, 1980, the Commission was notified of proposed civil penalty action in the amount of One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars against the Providence Hospital. This action was based on three alleged items of noncompliance which involved the loss of iridium-192 implant seeds. The licensee responded to the proposed action in two letters, each dated May 31, 1980. After consideration of the licensee's responses, the IE Staff concluded that, with the exception of the alleged item involving failure to immediately notify NRC of the loss, the items of noncompliance did occur and no adequate reasons were given for mitigation or remission of the proposed penalties. Accordingly, an Order Imposing Civil Penalties in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars has been issued today. The licensee and the State of Alaska are being informed by telephone.

Since this matter has been the subject of an NRC news release on May 9, 1980, no additional release is planned. The Office of Public Affairs will respond to inquiries as received.

Under the terms of the Order, the licensee may, within twenty-five days of the date of the Order, pay the civil penalties or request a hearing.

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