

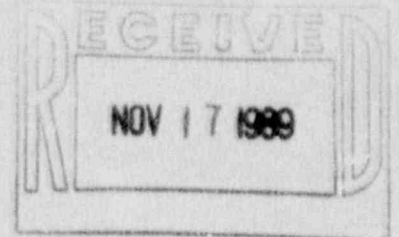


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This letter is in response to the Notice of Violation dated October 13, 1989.

First violation - Failure to have survey meters calibrated

Since our last inspection in September of 1988, our main priorities have focused on providing adequate training of personnel. Although survey meter calibrations were stressed in training, compliance with this requirement was not yet being enforced. We are now in the process of identifying laboratories that have survey meters and have located a company to perform the calibrations. The appropriate laboratories will be notified of the calibration requirement and expected to comply. The Radiation Safety Officer will monitor compliance during regular laboratory inspections with full compliance expected by May 1990.

Second violation - Failure to have thyroid counts

Again, priorities have focused on training and although the requirement for thyroid counts was stressed in training, enforcement had not yet begun. We will be identifying each laboratory that receives radioactive iodine and require them to comply with requirements. Laboratories not complying would not be allowed to receive further radioactive iodine. Full compliance is expected by March 1990.

Third violation - Failure to maintain unit log books and disposal records

Priorities have again focused on training and although the requirement for log books was covered in training, enforcement had not yet begun. We will be working closely with research personnel in making sure they understand the requirements and in helping them maintain adequate records. Compliance will be monitored by the Radiation Safety Officer during regular inspections with full compliance expected by June 1990.

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