

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Picker International, Inc.
Highland Heights, OH

Docket No. 99990003

As a result of the inspection conducted on October 26 and November 9, 1989, and in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C, (1989) (Enforcement Policy) the following violation was identified:

10 CFR 30.3 states that except for persons exempt as provided in 10 CFR Parts 30 and 150, no person shall manufacture, produce, transfer, receive, acquire, own, possess, or use byproduct material except as authorized in a specific or general license issued pursuant to the regulations in this chapter.

Contrary to the above, on March 30, 1988 a Picker International, Inc. service engineer not authorized or exempt pursuant to this regulation used byproduct material while performing service work on a cobalt-60 teletherapy unit at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw, Michigan. Specifically, on that date the service engineer performed repair work on a contact spring in the unit which is directly related to the circuitry which controls the exposure of the cobalt-60 source.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, you are required to submit to this office within thirty days of the date of this Notice a written statement or explanation in reply, including for each violation: (1) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved; (2) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Consideration may be given to extending your response time for good cause shown.

Dated

November 5, 1989

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