

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

St. James Community Hospital

Docket: 30-12143
License: 25-13173-02

As a result of the inspection conducted on June 4, 1981, and in accordance with the Interim Enforcement Policy, 45 FR 66754 (October 7, 1980), the following violation was identified:

License Condition 15 requires that licensed activities shall be conducted in accordance with statements, representations, and procedures contained in the radioactive material license application dated June 14, 1976; letter dated June 26, 1976; telegram dated July 6, 1976; and letters dated August 12, 1976, January 6, 1977, January 12, 1977, April 12, 1977, November 28, 1977, March 21, 1978, April 7, 1978, January 15, 1979 and June 18, 1979, which states in part:

- a. The Nuclear Medicine Section of the Policy and Procedures Manual Part 1100.10 requires that a bioassay will be provided to individuals exposed to greater than 10 millicuries of iodine-131.

Contrary to this requirement, a bioassay was not conducted on personnel exposed to 200 millicuries of iodine-131 on November 13, 1980.

- b. The Nuclear Medicine Section of the Policy and Procedures Manual Part 1100.11 requires the following:

1. That the isotope dose calibrator be checked for accuracy and linearity on a monthly frequency.

Contrary to this requirement, no monthly linearity or accuracy checks had been conducted during the period August 9, 1977 to June 4, 1981.

2. That the radiation survey meter be calibrated annually and the resulting records of calibration be maintained for inspection.

Contrary to this requirement, the survey instrument was purportedly calibrated but no records of calibration were available for inspection.

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3. That the "hot lab" be surveyed at the end of each working day for contamination.

Contrary to this requirement, daily contamination surveys had not been conducted during the period January 9, 1981 to June 4, 1981.

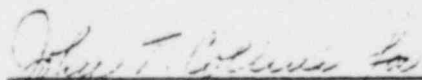
- c. The Nuclear Medicine Section of the Policy and Procedures Manual Part 1100.15 requires that a room occupied by a patient having been administered therapeutic quantities of radionuclides must be surveyed by the Nuclear Medicine Department prior to releasing the room for occupancy to another patient.

Contrary to this requirement, a licensee representative stated that such a radiation survey was not performed on Room No. 650 following the administration of 200 millicuries of iodine-131 to a patient on November 13, 1980 and prior to the patients discharge.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement VII.D.2).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, St James Community Hospital, Inc., is hereby required to submit to this office within 30 days of the date of this Notice, a written statement or explanation in reply, including: (1) the corrective steps which have been taken and the results achieved; (2) the corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further violations; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Under the authority of Section 182 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, this response shall be submitted under oath or affirmation. Consideration may be given to extending your response time for good cause shown.

Dated 6/23/81


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Technical Inspection Branch