

APPENDIX A

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Veterans Administration Hospital
Syracuse, New York 13210

Docket No.: 30-2619
License No.: 31-845-01

As a result of the inspection conducted on April 9 and 10, 1981, and in accordance with the Interim Enforcement Policy, 45 FR 66754 (October 7, 1980), the following violations were identified:

A. Condition 17 of your license requires that licensed material be possessed and used in accordance with statements, representations, and procedures contained in your application dated August 16, 1977 and a letter dated February 15, 1978.

1. Item 8.B of your letter dated February 15, 1978 requires that patient doses containing radioactive material be prepared and administered using syringe shields.

Contrary to this requirement, as of the dates of the inspection, April 9-10, 1981, personnel preparing radiopharmaceutical kits and patient doses failed to use syringe shields.

This is a Severity Level IV Violation (Supplement VII).

2. Item 14.7 of your radiation protection program contained in your application dated August 16, 1977 requires that gloves will be used for work with millicurie quantities of any radiopharmaceutical.

Contrary to this requirement, as of the dates of the inspection, April 9-10, 1981 your personnel routinely failed to wear gloves during the administration of patient doses containing millicurie quantities of radioactive material.

This is a Severity Level IV Violation (Supplement VII).

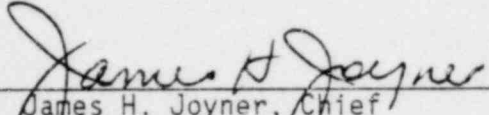
3. Item 11.3 of your letter dated February 15, 1978 requires that laboratories using quantities of radioactive materials in excess of 100 microcuries of licensed material be surveyed weekly.

Contrary to this requirement, as of the dates of the inspection, April 9-10, 1981, you routinely performed surveys of all research laboratories, including those using greater than 100 microcuries of licensed material, on a monthly rather than weekly basis.

This is a Severity Level V Violation (Supplement VII).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, the Veterans Administration Hospital, Syracuse, New York is hereby required to submit to this office within thirty 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) 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.

Date 19 JUN 1981


James H. Joyner, Chief
Technical Inspection Branch