

ENCLOSURE

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Veterans Administration Medical Center
Charleston, South Carolina

Docket No. 030-03230
License No. 39-12130-02

During the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection conducted on January 10, 1990, violations of NRC requirements were identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1989), the violations are listed below:

- A. 10 CFR 20.305 requires that no licensed material be treated or disposed of by incineration except for materials listed under 10 CFR 20.306 or as specifically approved by the Commission pursuant to 10 CFR 20.106 (b) and CFR 20.302.

Contrary to the above, on January 8, 1990, licensed material from an iodine therapy patient's room was incinerated. This material is not listed under 10 CFR 20.306 nor was this method of disposal approved by the Commission pursuant to 10 CFR 20.106(b) or 20.302.

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

- B. 10 CFR 35.21(b)(2)(x) requires the Radiation Safety Officer to establish and implement procedures for training personnel who work in or frequent areas where byproduct material is used or stored.

Contrary to the above, procedures for training personnel were not established or implemented in that a member of the housekeeping staff had not received training since 1981, resulting in the accidental incineration of radioactive waste from an iodine therapy patient's room.

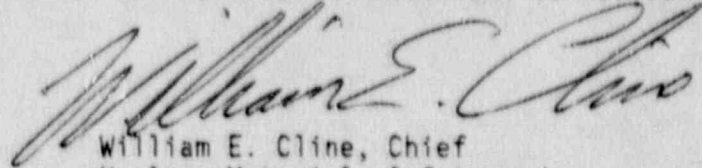
This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement VI).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Veterans Administration Medical Center is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555, with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region II, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice. This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include [for each violation]: (1) admission or denial of the violation, (2) the reason for the violation if admitted, (3) the corrective steps which have been taken and the results achieved, (4) the corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further violations, and (5) the date when full compliance will be achieved.

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Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order may be issued to show cause why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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Dated at ~~Atlanta~~ Atlanta, Georgia
this ~~29~~ 29th day of January 1990