OFFICE OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

EN-81-22

Licensee: Pharmaco Nuclear, Incorporated

Cleveland, OH

License No. 34-16504-01MD

Subject: NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF A CIVIL PENALTY - \$2,800

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of a Civil Penalty in the amount of Two Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars will be issued on July 1, 1981 to Pharmaco Nuclear, Incorporated. This action is based on an alleged violation involving loss of attache cases containing radiopharmaceuticals during transport and delivery to several local hospitals. The violation involved loss of control over one of seven attache cases that fell from the licensee's vehicle along the roadside. The rear door of the vehicle opened in transit and seven cases fell out. The driver recovered six of the seven cases and continued on his route. The missing seventh case was not noticed and was later found by a passing motorist and eventually turned over to local authorities who determined through contacts with hospitals the origin of the case. The licensee retrieved the case within one hour after its loss and determined there was no breakage or leakage of radioactive material from any of the cases. The licensee corrected the problem, including performing radiation surveys along the transport route. and immediately notified the NRC. Because of these actions it was determined that a thirty percent reduction in the civil penalty from 4000 to 2800 dollars is appropriate. A news release has been prepared and will be issued about the time the licensee receives the Notice. The State of Ohio will be notified.

Ilt, should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the. enforcement action. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

> Action signed 6/29/81 Mailing of Notice 7/01/81 Telephone Notification of licensee 7/01/81 Telephone Notification of State

NRC News Release to be made following Licensee notification.

ensee has 30 days from the date of the Notice in which to respond. Howing NRC staff evaluation of the response, the civil penalty may be remitted, mitigated or imposed by Order.

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