



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV

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Docket: 030-14825
License: 11-18311-01

Veterans Administration Medical Center
Clinical Laboratory Services
ATTN: Mr. Wayne Tippets
Medical Center Director
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 030-14825/93-01 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the routine, unannounced inspection conducted by Mr. Mark R. Shaffer and Ms. Christi Hernandez of this office on May 26, 1993. The inspection included a review of activities authorized by Byproduct Materials License 11-18311-01. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with members of your staff.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under the license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and the conditions of the license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews of personnel, independent measurements, and observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice).

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

The licensee received one 750-millicurie molybdenum-99/technetium-99m generator each week for the preparation of radiopharmaceuticals, and radioactive waste was processed using the decay-in-storage method. Licensee records indicated that the licensee performed approximately 65 diagnostic nuclear medicine procedures each month and that only two procedures had been performed using iodine-131 in millicurie quantities since the previous NRC inspection. Additionally, the licensee's use of byproduct material for research activities was primarily limited to cell labeling procedures conducted under the approval of the radiation safety committee.

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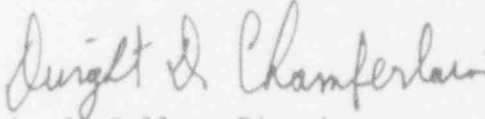
The inspectors noted that the licensee's Radiation Safety Committee, assisted by the Radiation Safety Officer, had performed comprehensive program audits which were effective in identifying and correcting deficiencies. Records of licensed activities were well organized and adequate for the size and scope of the radiation safety program.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96.511.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact the inspector identified above at (817) 860-8100.

Sincerely,


for L. J. Callan, Director
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosure:
Appendix - Notice of Violation

cc:
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