



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV

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ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76011-8064

JUN 4 1993

Docket: 030-32246  
License: 11-27089-01

Mercy Medical Center  
ATTN: Robert A. Fale  
President, CEO  
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Nampa, Idaho 83686

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 030-32246/93-01 (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 25 and 27, 1993. The inspection included a review of activities authorized by Byproduct Materials License 11-27089-01. 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's records disclosed that the licensee had performed approximately 80 diagnostic nuclear medicine procedures each month. Radiopharmaceuticals were received in unit dose form from a local radiopharmacy, and radioactive waste was processed using the decay-in-storage method. Additionally, the inspectors noted that the licensee had performed approximately one procedure each month using millicurie quantities of sodium iodide iodine-131 and that written directives had been prepared by an authorized user for these procedures in accordance with the licensee's quality management program. Records of licensed activities were adequate for the size and scope of the radiation safety program.

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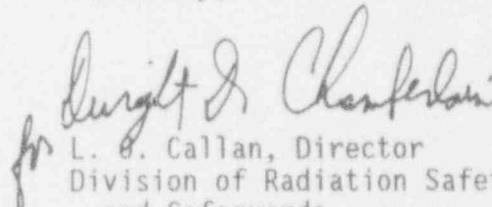
Also reviewed were the actions you had taken with respect to the violations observed during our previous inspection conducted on September 10 and 26, 1991. The inspection verified that the corrective actions for these violations had been implemented as stated in your replies dated November 5 and 27, 1991, and that these actions were effective.

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,

  
L. B. Callan, Director  
Division of Radiation Safety  
and Safeguards

Enclosure:  
Appendix - Notice of Violation

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Idaho Radiation Control Program Director

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