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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV

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Docket: 030-13232
License: 35-17723-01

McAlester Regional Health Center
ATTN: Ed Majors, Administrator
One Clark Bass Boulevard
McAlester, Oklahoma 74501

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 030-13232/93-01 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the routine, unannounced inspection conducted by Mr. Gilbert L. Guerra, Jr., of this office on December 7, 1993. The inspection included a review of activities authorized by Byproduct Materials License 35-17723-01. 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.

Also reviewed during this inspection was your implementation of the Quality Management (QM) program submitted to NRC on January 24, 1992. The inspector determined that McAlester Regional Health Center (MRHC) had administered dosages of sodium iodide I-131 in quantities greater than 30 microcuries in accordance with its QM program and the provisions of 10 CFR 35.32.

However, the inspector noted that MRHC's QM program lacked detailed procedures to address several of the objectives specified in 10 CFR 35.32. One important requirement which the QM program did not specifically address was the 12-month program reviews required under 10 CFR 35.32(b). Although specific procedures for a 12-month review were not included in your QM

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program, a review of your implementation of the QM program was conducted and recorded in the minutes of a Radiation Safety Committee meeting held on December 30, 1992. In addition, it was noted that MRHC's QM program lacked specific procedural instructions to assist the staff in ensuring that compliance with 10 CFR 35.32 is maintained. For example, instructions were not provided regarding identification of recordable events and misadministrations. Also, procedures were not established to ensure that corrective actions would be taken when recordable events or misadministrations are identified, and the program failed to identify who would lead these efforts.

MRHC is encouraged to review 10 CFR 35.32 and its QM program to ensure that the program addresses all requirements of the regulation. Should you elect to modify the program as a result of your review, MRHC is reminded that in accordance with 10 CFR 35.32(e), a licensee may make modifications to its QM program provided that the effectiveness of the program is not decreased and the modification is submitted to NRC within 30 days after the modification has been made.

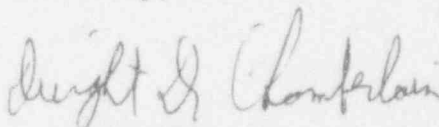
Also reviewed were the actions you had taken with respect to the violations observed during our previous inspection conducted on October 18, 1991. The inspector verified that the corrective actions for these violations had been implemented as stated in your reply dated November 5, 1991, and that these 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,



Dwight D. Chamberlain, Acting Director
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosure:
Appendix - Notice of Violation

cc:
Oklahoma Radiation Control Program Director

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