

APPENDIX A
NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Veterans Administration Medical Center
Washington, D.C. 20422

Docket No. 030-00123
License No. 08-00942-04

As a result of the inspection conducted on May 30-31, 1990, and in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (Enforcement Policy) (1990), the following violations were identified:

- A. 10 CFR 20.301 requires that no licensee dispose of licensed material except by certain specified procedures.

Contrary to the above, on December 5, 1989, the carcass of a rabbit containing 20 microcuries of cerium-141 and 20 microcuries of chromium-51 was sent for disposal in the normal trash, a method not authorized by 10 CFR 20.301.

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

- B. 10 CFR 20.201(b) requires that each licensee make such surveys as may be necessary to comply with all sections of Part 20. As defined in 10 CFR 20.201(a), "survey" means an evaluation of the radiation hazards incident to the production, use, release, disposal, or presence of radioactive materials or other sources of radiation under a specific set of conditions.

Contrary to the above, surveys were not made to assure compliance with 10 CFR 20.106, which limits the yearly average concentration of radioactive material in air discharged to unrestricted areas. Specifically, as of May 31, 1990, surveys were not made of the releases from the hoods in the Lipid Research and Metabolic Research Laboratories where iodinations were performed with millicurie quantities of iodine-125. Measurements were performed which were intended to fulfill the requirement. However, these measurements were inadequate because the measurements erroneously indicated concentrations in excess of the 10 CFR 20.106 limit and no further evaluations were made to assure compliance with this requirement.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Veterans Administration Medical Center is hereby required to submit to this office within thirty days of the date of the letter which transmitted this Notice, a written statement or explanation in reply, including: (1) the corrective steps which have been taken and the results achieved; (2) corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further violations; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending this response time.

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