

ENCLOSURE

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Veterans Administration Medical Center
Augusta, Georgia

Docket No. 030-17081
License No. 10-08389-03

During the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection conducted on July 10 and 12, 1990, violations of NRC requirements were identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1990), the violations are listed below:

- A. Condition 27 of NRC License No. 10-08389-03 requires that licensed radioactive material be possessed and used in accordance with the statements, representations and procedures described in the license application dated October 26, 1984, and in the documents submitted in support of that application.

Appendix II, Item D, page 50 of the license application dated October 26, 1984, states that personnel radiation monitors (whole body and extremity) must be worn by individuals who handle stock solutions of 0.5 millicuries or more of Phosphorus 32.

Contrary to the above, as of July 10, 1990, research personnel did not wear extremity radiation monitoring devices when handling 0.5 millicuries or more of Phosphorus 32.

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

- B. 10 CFR 35.50(b)(3) requires that medical licensees test each dose calibrator for linearity upon installation and at least quarterly thereafter.

Contrary to the above, as of July 10, 1990, the linearity test measurement results for the loaner dose calibrator installed on or about June 25, 1990, had not been evaluated to assure that the instrument was linear throughout its range of use.

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

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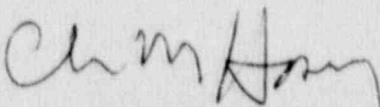
- C. 10 CFR 35.70(e) requires that medical licensees survey for removable radioactive contamination once each week, all areas where radiopharmaceuticals are routinely prepared for use, administered or stored.

Contrary to the above, weekly radioactive contamination surveys were not performed in radiopharmaceutical handling areas on 11 occasions during the period beginning December 22, 1989 through June 22, 1990.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Veterans Administration Medical Center, Augusta, Georgia, is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555, with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region II, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice. This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include [for each violation]: (1) admission or denial of the violation, (2) the reason for the violation if admitted, (3) the corrective steps which have been taken and the results achieved, (4) the corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further violations, and (5) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order may be issued to show cause why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION


for William E. Cline, Chief
Nuclear Materials Safety and
Safeguards Branch
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Dated at Atlanta, Georgia
this 9th day of August 1990