



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV

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Docket: 030-03273
License: 43-03299-01

Department of Veterans Affairs
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 030-03273/94-01 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the routine, unannounced inspection conducted by Mr. Gilbert L. Guerra, Jr., of this office on March 3-4, 1994. The inspection included a review of activities authorized by Byproduct Materials License 43-03299-01. 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, and observation of activities in progress.

Also reviewed during this inspection was your implementation of the Quality Management (QM) program submitted to NRC on January 21, 1992. The inspector determined that you had administered several dosages of sodium iodide I-131 in quantities greater than 30 microcuries, two of which were greater than 30 millicuries, and had used iridium-192 for brachytherapy on two occasions since the last inspection on April 21-22, 1993. These procedures were performed in accordance with your QM program and the provisions of 10 CFR 35.32. The inspection revealed that the radiation safety program, as well as the implementation of your QM program, was well managed and that personnel were knowledgeable of their duties and NRC requirements. Also, discussions were held between the inspector and your staff regarding the revised 10 CFR Part 20 regulations which were in effect January 1, 1994.

However, based on the overall 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

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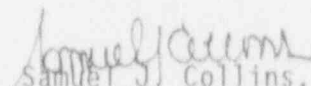
inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

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,


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Enclosure:
Appendix - Notice of Violation

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