

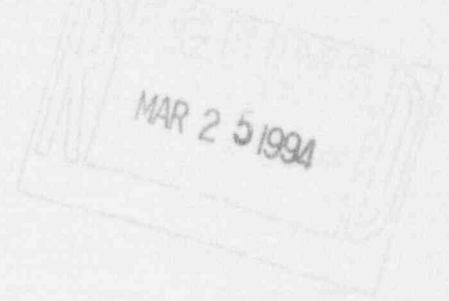


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Samuel J. Collins, Director  
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Dear Sir:

This letter is in response to the Notice of Violation (030-17560/94-01). As documented in your inspection, we are a very small user and in retrospect had developed a practice of allowing individual labs to survey their own areas and maintain records for periodic checks. However, the labs in question had been the responsibility of a technician who had terminated his employment in June and because of infrequent use of radiolabeled compounds, the surveys in the areas in question slipped through undetected. I now recognize this as a potential flaw in our program.

To alleviate this from happening again in these or other laboratories, I have changed our policy and made the individual responsible for collecting radiation badges also responsible for monthly surveys in each room in which radioactive substances are being used. With this individual having both of these related responsibilities, it should assure information transfer and training if this position has a turnover in personnel. This should eliminate another occurrence of the type which resulted in our violation.

I hope your agency agrees that this should alleviate this problem. Please let me know if you feel that further action needs to be taken. Thanks.

Sincerely,

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