



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV

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Docket: 030-01234
License: 05-01401-02

Department of Veterans Affairs
ATTN: Mr. Thomas A. Trujillo
Medical Center Director
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 030-01234/94-01 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the routine, unannounced inspection conducted by Ms. M. Linda McLean of this office on February 14-15 and 17, 1994. The inspection included a review of activities authorized by Byproduct Materials License 05-01401-02. We acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated February 23, 1994, providing supplementary information on the inspection findings. 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).

Additionally, the inspector identified a violation that was not cited regarding the failure to note on one survey instrument the apparent exposure rate from a dedicated check source as determined at the time of calibration, and the date of calibration.

Since the violation described above would normally be categorized as an isolated Severity Level V violation and corrective actions were taken during the inspection, no citation is presently being issued because the criteria in 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C, Section VII.B.1 have been met.

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.

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Also reviewed during this inspection was your implementation of the Quality Management (QM) program submitted to NRC by letter dated January 23, 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, in accordance with your QM program and the provisions of 10 CFR 35.32. Additionally, discussions were held between the inspector and your staff regarding your implementation of the revised 10 CFR Part 20 regulations which were in effect January 1, 1994.

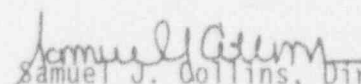
The inspector reviewed the actions you had taken with respect to the violations observed during our previous inspection conducted on January 13-14, 1993. The inspection verified that the corrective actions for some of these violations had been implemented as stated in your reply dated February 25, 1993, and that these actions were effective. However, we noted that one violation had recurred since the previous inspection. This item is identified as Violation A in the attached Notice.

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,


Samuel J. Collins, Director
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and Safeguards

Enclosure:
Appendix - Notice of Violation

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