



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION V

1450 MARIA LANE
WALNUT CREEK, CALIFORNIA 94596-5368

APR 1 - 1994

Docket No. 030-03367
License No. 46-00990-01

Department of Veterans Affairs
Medical Center
1660 South Columbian Way
Seattle, Washington 98108

Attention: Joseph M. Manley,
Acting Medical Center Director

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION (NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 030-03367/94-01)

This refers to the inspection conducted by Troy W. Pruett of this office between March 23-25, 1994. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for Department of Commerce, Seattle, Washington. The findings were discussed with you and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspection was an examination of the activities conducted under your NRC license as they relate to radiation safety and compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and the conditions of your license. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations 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). The increase in the size of the radiation safety program, combined with an increase in the number of NRC identified violations appears to indicate that additional oversight of the radiation safety program is needed. Management should evaluate the resources available to the health physics staff to determine if additional resources are required.

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 take 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. Additionally, in your response you should describe what actions will be taken to ensure waste storage drums are protected from the elements or what changes you will make to your survey program to assure that any leakage from the waste storage drums will be detected in a timely manner.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

9404150014 940401
PDR ADOCK 03003367
C PDR

JEOT

Docket File
Inspection File
G. Cook
K. Perkins
State of Washington

bcc w/o enclosure:
M. Smith
D. Clevinger

[Signature]
TPruett
3/31/94

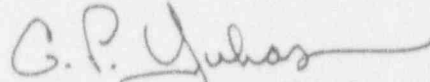
[Signature]
GYuhas
4/1/94

[Signature]
ms for
FHuey
4/1/94

REQUEST COPY	REQUEST COPY	REQUEST COPY	SEND TO DCS	SEND TO PDR
YES / NO	YES / NO	YES / NO	YES / NO	YES / NO

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. P. Yuhas", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gregory P. Yuhas, Chief,
Radioactive Materials Safety Branch

Enclosures:

Notice of Violation