

APPENDIX A

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center
Dallas, Texas

Docket: 030-03256/90-01
License: 42-00220-06

During an NRC inspection conducted on August 15-17, 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) (Enforcement Policy), the violations are listed below:

License Condition 24 requires that licensed material be possessed and used in accordance with statements, representations, and procedures contained in the application dated April 17, 1985, and letter dated April 30, 1990.

1. Item 18(a) of the application requires, in part, that each time radioactive material is used, disposed of as waste, or transferred to another user within the hospital, an appropriate entry must be made in the unit log book showing date, activity, and method of dispensation.

Contrary to the above, Dr. Srere's laboratory had never used the unit log book to keep track of their radioactive material.

This is a repeat violation.

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

2. Item 19.2(b) of the letter requires, in part, that individuals who work with 10 mCi or more, at one time, of unsealed radioactive iodine obtain thyroid bioassays within 24-72 hours after the work is completed.

Contrary to the above, on January 29, 1990, 99 mCi of iodine-131 was administered to a patient, and the licensee did not measure the thyroid burden of each individual who helped prepare or administer this dose.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center is hereby required to submit to this office, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice, a written statement or explanation in reply, including for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation if admitted, (2) the corrective steps which have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Dated at Arlington, Texas,
this 24th day of December 1990

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