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APPENDIX A

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Veterans Administration Medical Center  
Baltimore, Maryland 21218

Docket No. 030-01789  
License No. 19-01058-01

As a result of the inspection conducted on December 6, 1990, and in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (Enforcement Policy) (1990), the following violations were identified:

- A. 10 CFR 35.70(c) requires that surveys required by paragraphs (a) and (b) of 10 CFR 35.70 be conducted in a way that will detect dose rates as low as 0.1 millirem per hour.

Contrary to the above, as of December 6, 1990, surveys required by paragraphs (a) and (b) of 10 CFR 35.70 were not conducted in a way that would detect dose rates as low as 0.1 millirem per hour. The results of required surveys conducted in the Nuclear Medicine Department were maintained in counts per minute (cpm). The licensee was not sure if the surveys conducted met the regulation since they did not possess the necessary information to show that the survey meter used to perform these surveys would meet the 0.1 millirem requirement.

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

- B. 10 CFR 35.70(g) requires that removable contamination trigger levels be established for the surveys required by 10 CFR 35.70(e) and that the individual performing the survey immediately notify the Radiation Safety Officer if contamination exceeds the trigger level.

Contrary to the above, on numerous occasions prior to December 6, 1990, several areas in Room 1 of Building 16 exceeded the licensee's trigger level and the Radiation Safety Officer was never notified.

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

- C. 10 CFR 20.401(b) states that each licensee shall maintain records in the same units used in this part showing the results of surveys required by Section 10 CFR 20.201(b).

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Contrary to the above, as of December 6, 1990, results of survey required by 20.201(b) maintained by the licensee were not in the same units used in this part. Specifically, records of the wipe surveys for removable contamination performed in the RIA laboratory were maintained in counts per minute and not disintegrations per unit of time or curies as specified in 10 CFR 20.5.

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

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