



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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MAY 26 1994

Docket: 30-13337
License: 53-17797-01

Kuakini Medical Center
ATTN: Helen Aldred, Assistant Vice President
347 North Kuakini Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 30-13337/94-01 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the inspection conducted by James L. Montgomery of this office on April 19-20 and 22, 1994. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Honolulu, Hawaii medical center. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with you and members of your staff. On May 4, 1994, additional information concerning the disposal of radioactive waste was obtained from your Nuclear Medicine Department staff through telephone conversations and a facsimile transmission.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under the license as they related to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements.

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 violation is of concern due to the lack of attention to detail related to the storage, decay and record keeping for radioactive waste generated at your facility.

Although not cited as a violation of NRC requirements, we are concerned about the month long absence of your Radiation Safety Officer (RSO). Although several other members of your nuclear medicine and radiation therapy staff appeared to meet the NRC requirements for an RSO, no one had been officially designated as the alternate RSO and several nuclear medicine staff members were unclear as to who was responsible for radiation safety.

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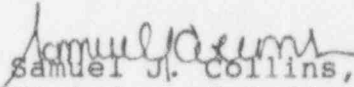
You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. Your response should also describe the actions taken or planned to provide RSO interim coverage when the RSO is expected to be unavailable. 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.

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.

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 (510) 975-0249.

Sincerely,


Samuel J. Collins, Director
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosure:
Appendix - Notice of Violation