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OFFICE OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Hospital Metropolitano, San Juan, Puerto Rico
License Nos. 52-16033-01 and 52-16033-02

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTIES - \$4,000

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalties in the amount of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) will be issued on or about March 23, 1983 to Hospital Metropolitano, San Juan, Puerto Rico. This action is based upon the licensee's failure to adhere to full conditions of their license which included administering therapeutic doses of radioiodine to patients under conditions in which the administering technician was subject to an unmonitored inhalation exposure and failure to use a qualified expert to check and calibrate its teletherapy machine.

It should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the enforcement action. The Regional Administrator has been authorized by the Director of the Office of Inspection and Enforcement to sign this action. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Mailing of Notice March 23, 1983
Telephone Notification of Licensee March 23, 1983

A news release has been prepared and will be issued five days following mailing of the Notice of Violation. The territory of Puerto Rico will be notified.

The licensee has 30 days from the date of the Notice in which to respond. Following NRC staff evaluation of the response, the civil penalty may be remitted, mitigated, or imposed by Order.

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