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# St. Joseph's Hospital

5000 W. Chambers Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53210

March 18, 1981

United States Regulatory Commission  
Region III  
799 Roosevelt Road  
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Dear Sir:

This letter is to inform you that the Nuclear Medicine Section of St. Joseph's Hospital, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, NRC License #48-00537-03 had administered a misadministration of a diagnostic dose of radiopharmaceutical.

On Thursday March 12, 1981, the patient was given an IV injection of 3.0 mCi of Tc-99m Sulfur Colloid. When in fact what was ordered was 15.0 mCi of Tc-99m MDP.

The referring physician was [redacted]

On Tuesday March 17, 1981 the Radiation Safety Committee met and discussed the problem. Recommendations of the Committee are:

1. Discontinue the use of multi-dose Tc-99m Sulfur Colloid and replace with unit dose.
2. Redesign the Nuclear Medicine requisition to include the dosage schedule of each procedure and a check off block to confirm compliance with that dosage schedule.

The effect of this misadministration on the patient is considered insignificant.

Sincerely yours,

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