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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT  
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Geisinger Medical Center (EA 94-066)  
Danville, Pennsylvania  
Docket Nos. 030-02984; 030-00464

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY - \$1,250

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of \$1,250 will be issued on or about June 20, 1994 to Geisinger Medical Center. This action is based on a Severity Level III problem involving two violations pertaining to the licensee's Co-60 teletherapy unit timer. Specifically, although the licensee identified that the timer was malfunctioning, it failed to immediately notify its Radiation Safety Officer and permitted a radiology department engineer, a person who was not specifically authorized by the NRC or an Agreement State to perform work to repair the timer.

The base civil penalty for a Severity Level III problem for this licensee is \$2,500. The base civil penalty was mitigated by 50 percent for the licensee's prompt and comprehensive corrective actions and by 100 percent based on the licensee's prior performance. However, a basis existed for 100 percent escalation for the duration factor. Therefore, on balance, the base civil penalty was mitigated by 50 percent.

It should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the enforcement action. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Mailing of Notice June 20, 1994  
Telephone Notification of Licensee June 20, 1994

The State of Pennsylvania will be notified.

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

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