

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Docket No. 030-19162
License No. 22-00187-54

During an NRC inspection conducted on August 26 - August 27, 1998, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the violation is listed below:

10 CFR 36.67(b)(1) requires that before exiting from and locking the door to the radiation room of a panoramic irradiator prior to a planned irradiation, the irradiator operator shall visually inspect the entire radiation room to verify that no one else is in the room.

Contrary to the above, on August 18, 1998, an irradiator operator at the University of Minnesota, Lewis Hospital for Companion Animals, dry source panoramic irradiator, exited from and locked the door to the radiation room without visually inspecting the entire radiation room to verify that no one else was in the room.

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

The NRC has concluded that information regarding the reason for the violation, the corrective actions taken and planned to correct the violation and prevent recurrence and the date when full compliance was achieved for the violation are already adequately addressed on the docket in Inspection Report 030-19162/98001(DNMS). However, you are required to submit a written statement or explanation pursuant to 10 CFR 2.201, if the description therein does not accurately reflect your corrective actions or your position. In that case, or if you choose to respond, clearly mark your response as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation," and send it to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region III, within 30 days of the date of this letter transmitting this Notice of Violation.

If you contest this enforcement action, you should also provide a copy of your response to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001.

If you choose to respond, your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), therefore, to the extent possible, it should not include any personal, privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction. Under the authority of Section 182 of Act 42 U.S.C. 2232, any response shall be submitted under oath or affirmation.

Dated at Lisle, Illinois
this 22nd day of September 1998

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