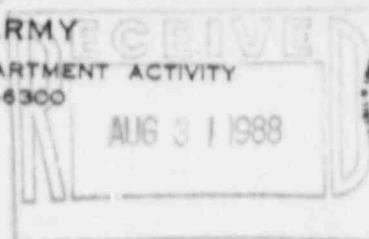




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FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA 73503-6300



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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19 July 1988

MEMORANDUM THRU: Commander, U.S. Army Health Services Command, ATTN: HSEL-P,  
~~Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-6000~~

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FOR: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region IV, Parkway Central Plaza  
Building, Suite 1000, Arlington, TX 76011

SUBJECT: U.S. NRC Severity Level IV Violations

1. I have reviewed the report of your radiation safety inspection conducted on 1 June 1988 at Reynolds Army Community Hospital on NRC Byproduct Material License 35-10202-01. The following corrective actions have been taken in regards to the findings identified during your inspection.

a. On 25 April 1988 Colonel Norris, the Nuclear Medicine Physician, directed a member of the housekeeping staff to enter the "Hot Lab", radiopharmacy, of the Nuclear Medicine Clinic for cleaning purposes without the individual being provided the required radiation safety training or personnel dosimeter device.

b. On 27 April 1988 Colonel Rafael Linares, Deputy Commander for Clinical Services, temporarily closed the Nuclear Medicine Clinic and suspended Colonel Norris administratively, pending review of her actions by the Hospital's Radiation Control Committee and by Colonel Thomas A. Verdon, Hospital Commander.

c. The Hospital Radiation Control Committee met on 29 April 1988 and recommended to Colonel Verdon that Colonel Norris be removed from her position as Nuclear Medicine Physician.

d. On 13 May 1988, Colonel Verdon closed the Nuclear Medicine Clinic for an indefinite period of time. Colonel Norris was permanently assigned to non-nuclear medicine duties.

e. The "Hot Lab" located in the radiopharmacy is secured from unauthorized entry as required by MEDDAC Regulation 40-132.

f. All personnel entering the "Hot Lab" are and will continue to be required to wear personnel dosimeter devices and receive radiation safety training prior to working in this area or any other restricted area.

g. Colonel Norris completed her current enlistment agreement on 15 July 1988. She is no longer a member of the Department of the Army.

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2. Although the clinic was closed officially by the Hospital Commander on 13 May 1988, full compliance was achieved on 15 July 1988 with Colonel Norris' departure from the U.S. Army. No further violations have occurred.
3. Reynolds Army Community Hospital will continue to conduct its program in accordance with USNRC Regulations and Byproduct Material License 35-10202-01.
4. Point of contact for further information is 2LT Boatwright, AUTOVON 639-2913 or commercial (405) 351-5316.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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