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OFFICE OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah
Docket No. 50-072 and 50-407
License Nos. R-25 and R-126

Subject: IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTIES - \$3,000

By EN 86-74 dated September 30, 1986 the Commission was notified of the intent of IE to issue a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalties in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to the University of Utah. This action was based on transportation, health physics, safeguards, and operation violations. The transportation violations resulted from radioactive material in the form of a TRIGA reactor core component being transported from the University of Utah campus to a location in Salt Lake City for maintenance and back to the university without shipping papers, proper labeling, or radiological surveys to determine external radiation or contamination limits. The health physics violations involved the failure to perform adequate surveys and the failure to maintain control of the TRIGA reactor core component. Three safeguards violations involving the Physical Security Plan and four violations involving the operation of the TRIGA reactor were also identified. Collectively, these violations demonstrated the need for improved control of licensed activities to ensure adherence to NRC requirements and safe performance of licensed activities.

The licensee responded to the Notice in letters dated October 29, 1986. After careful consideration of the licensee's response, the staff has concluded that the violations assessed civil penalties did occur as set forth in the Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalties. Accordingly, an Order Imposing Civil Penalties in the amount of \$3,000 has been issued today. Under the terms of the Order, the licensee may within 30 days of the date of the Order, pay the civil penalties or request a hearing.

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