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OFFICE OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Radiation Sterilizers, Inc.
Docket No. 030-19025

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY - \$10,000

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) will be issued on or about March 17, 1987 to Radiation Sterilizers, Inc. This action is based on numerous health physics violations including: (1) failure to maintain warning devices in an operable condition, (2) failure to check irradiation cells for personnel prior to exposing the source, and (3) failure to utilize personnel access control tags. The base civil penalty was increased by 100% because: (1) the licensee failed to take effective corrective actions for previous violations, (2) the licensee had notice that the safety device's were inoperable but did not correct the problem, and (3) some of the violations existed for several months.

It should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the enforcement action. The Regional Administrator has been authorized by the Director, Office of Inspection and Enforcement, to sign this action. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Mailing of Notice	March 17, 1987
Telephone Notification of Licensee	March 17, 1987

A news release has been prepared and will be issued after the licensee receives the Notice. The State of California 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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