

APPENDIX A
NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Veterans Administration Medical Center
Buffalo, New York 14215

Docket Nos. 070-01331
070-01409
030-02618

License Nos. SNM-1305
SNM-1376
31-00786-02

As a result of the inspection conducted on October 21 and 22, 1986, and in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy (10 CFR 2, Appendix C), the following violation was identified:

Condition 25 of License No. 31-00786-01, requires that licensed material be possessed and used in accordance with statements, representations and procedures contained in application dated January 25, 1984.

Block 14 of this application requires that incoming packages containing radioactive materials be opened safely according to the procedures outlined in the "Radiation Protection Manual," Volume I, Section V, pages 1-3. Paragraph C.4. on page V-3 of this manual requires, that containers containing isotopes exceeding the quantities listed under Table 1, Column 2 (on page V-4) be wipe tested for external contamination prior to opening them.

Contrary to the above, on October 21, 1986, eighteen containers containing greater than 100 millicuries of technetium-99m (as listed in Table 1, Column 2, page V-4 of this manual) were not wipe tested for contamination prior to opening them.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Veterans Administration Medical Center is hereby required to submit to this office within thirty days of the date of the letter which transmitted this Notice, a written statement or explanation in reply, including: (1) the corrective steps which have been taken and the results achieved; (2) corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further violations; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending this response time.

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