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OFFICE OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Henry Heywood Hospital, Gardner, Massachusetts
License No. 20-16804-01

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY - \$2,500

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) will be issued on or about December 11, 1986 to Henry Heywood Hospital. This action is based on numerous violations of NRC requirements including the unauthorized incineration of a generator containing licensed material. The violations associated with this event are of concern to the NRC because they indicate that the radiation safety program was not properly implemented, and various personnel responsible for program implementation were not adequately trained. For example, the individual who actually handled and incinerated the package containing the radioactive material had not previously handled radioactive material and had not received any prior training in the handling of this material. Further, the Assistant Chief Radiology Technician, the Director of Plant Maintenance, and the Nuclear Medicine Technologist, all of whom performed surveys of the incinerator room subsequent to the event, were not adequately trained in the use of survey instruments. As a result, the surveys were not properly performed, and actual radiation levels in the room were not promptly identified.

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
Telephone Notification of Licensee

December 11, 1986
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A news release has been prepared and will be issued after the licensee receives the Notice. The State of Massachusetts 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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