

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Veterans Affairs Medical Center
Gainesville, Florida

Docket No. 030-01348
License No. 09-12467-02

During an NRC inspection conducted February 23-24, 1998, violations of NRC requirements were identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedures for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the violations are listed below:

License Condition No. 21 states that the licensee shall conduct its program in accordance with the statements, representations, and procedures contained in certain specified documents and their enclosures.

- A. Part II, Section IV, Item 3.a., of the Radiation Safety Guide dated May 1992, enclosure to application dated July 14, 1992, prohibits eating and drinking in areas where radioactive materials are used or stored. Item 13 of letter dated March 15, 1993, further prohibits the storage of food, beverages, and associated utensils in areas where radioactive materials are stored or used.

Contrary to the above, on the date of the inspection, several instances of consumption and storage of beverages were noted and associated utensils were observed in Laboratories E-588, E-575, and E-525.

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

- B. Section VII of the Radiation Safety Guide dated May 1992, enclosure to application dated July 14, 1992, and Appendix A of letter dated March 15, 1992, require that personnel performing iodination with one millicurie or greater of iodine have a thyroid bioassay performed within 72 hours of the iodination procedure.

Contrary to the above, on two occasions following iodinations performed on May 14, 1997, and September 29, 1997, an individual failed to have a thyroid bioassay performed.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Veterans Affairs Medical Center is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the Regional Administrator, Region II, with a copy to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Your response may reference or

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include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or demand for information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Under the authority of Section 182 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 2232, this response shall be submitted under oath or affirmation.

Because your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), to the extent possible, it should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction. If personal privacy or proprietary information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, then please provide a bracketed copy of your response that identifies the information that should be protected and a redacted copy of your response that deletes such information. If you request withholding of such material, you must specifically identify the portions of your response that you seek to have withheld and provide in detail the bases for your claim of withholding (e.g., explain why the disclosure of information will create an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy or provide the information required by 10 CFR 2.790(b) to support a request for withholding confidential commercial or financial information). If safeguards information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, please provide the level of protection described in 10 CFR 73.21.

Dated at Atlanta, Georgia
This 25th day of March 1998