

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

NUS Corporation
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Docket Nos. 030-17493
030-19934
License Nos. 37-17937-02
37-17937-03
EA 89-54

During an inspection conducted on February 23, 1989, the NRC reviewed the circumstances associated with the loss of a nickel-63 electron capture detector which was identified by your staff and reported to the NRC. During the inspection, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (Enforcement Policy) (1988), the violation is set forth below:

10 CFR 20.301 requires that no licensee dispose of licensed material except by certain procedures specified in 10 CFR 20.301(a) or (b).

Contrary to the above, at some time in June or July 1988, a gas chromatograph containing approximately 10-15 millicuries of nickel-63 was disposed of in the normal trash, a method of disposal not authorized by 10 CFR 20.301.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, NUS Corporation 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, for each alleged violation: (1) admission or denial of the alleged violation; (2) the corrective steps which have been taken and the results achieved; (3) corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further violations; and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending this response time.

Original Signed By:
Malcolm R. Knapp

Malcolm R. Knapp, Director
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Dated at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania
this 27th day of March 1989

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