

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attn: Document Control Desk  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Thursday, June 8, 2023

Reply to a Notice of Violation: IR 03039301/2022001(DRSS)

License No. 13-35664-01

To whom it may concern, following is our response to the notice of violation reports on May 25, 2023

Violation A: The licensee received a package labeled with a Radioactive Yellow II label during working hours, the package was not exempt from the monitoring requirement for radioactive contamination, and the licensee did not perform the required monitoring as soon as practicable but not later than 3 hours after receipt of the package. Specifically, the package received by the licensee contained 7.78 millicuries (0.288 gigabecquerels) of Tin-117m in colloid form and the licensee failed to monitor the package for radioactive contamination.

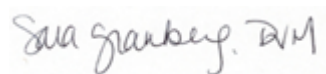
Corrective steps: We have retrained the staff on package acceptance and handling protocols. All packages now are received and immediately processed by performing swipe tests on surface level and survey meter readings at surface and 1 meter in distance. We will continue to follow this protocol with every incoming shipment as stated above. Full compliance was achieved on May 8, 2023.

Violation B: The licensee failed to: (1) survey weekly for removable contamination in areas where radiopharmaceutical preparation and administration occur; and (2) survey weekly with a radiation detection survey meter in radiopharmaceutical storage and radiopharmaceutical waste storage areas. Specifically, prior to November 21, 2022, the licensee only conducted ambient dose rate surveys at the end of each day of use, approximately once per month, in areas where radiopharmaceutical preparation and administration occurred.

Corrective steps: We have created an Excel spreadsheet document for weekly survey reports that were taken in the radiopharmaceutical preparation and administration areas. Immediately following any procedures with Tin-117m, we perform surface swipe tests and ambient surface readings at 1 inch and 1 meter in distance. Routine surveys for ambient radiation are performed once weekly at 1-inch distances and recorded appropriately. Full compliance was achieved on May 8, 2023.

Please contact us if there are any questions or if further information is required.

Sincerely,



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