



Materials Inspection Report

1. Licensee/Location Inspected: Northwest Health-LaPorte Laporte Hospital Company, LLC 1331 State Street La Porte, IN 46350 Report Number(s) 2023-001	2. NRC/Regional Office Region III U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 2443 Warrenville Road, Suite 210 Lisle, IL 60532-4352
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3. Docket Number(s) 030-08653	4. License Number(s) 13-15151-01	5. Date(s) of Inspection December 15, 2023
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LICENSEE:
 The inspection was an examination of the activities conducted under your license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) rules and regulations and the conditions of your license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector. The inspection findings are as follows:

- 1. Based on the inspection findings, no violations were identified.
- 2. Previous violation(s) closed.
- 3. During this inspection, certain of your activities, as described below and/or attached, were in violation of NRC requirements, and were assessed at Severity Level IV, in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy.
 - A. The violation(s), specifically described to you by the inspector as non-cited violations, are not being cited because they were self-identified, non-repetitive, corrective action was or is being taken, and the remaining criteria in the NRC Enforcement Policy were satisfied.
 (Non-cited violation(s) was/were discussed involving the following requirement(s))

 - B. The following violation(s) is/are being cited in accordance with NRC Enforcement Policy. This form is a NOTICE OF VIOLATION, which may be subject to posting in accordance with 10 CFR 19.11.
 (Violations and Corrective Actions)

Statement of Corrective Actions

I hereby state that, within 30 days, the actions described by me to the Inspector will be taken to correct the violations identified. This statement of corrective actions is made in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.201 (corrective steps already taken, corrective steps which will be taken, date when full compliance will be achieved). I understand that no further written response to NRC will be required, unless specifically requested.

TITLE	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE AND DATE
LICENSEE'S REPRESENTATIVE		
NRC INSPECTOR	Ryan Craffey	 <small>Digitally signed by Ryan J. Craffey Date: 2023.12.21 14:42:42 -06'00'</small>
BRANCH CHIEF	Rhex Edwards	 <small>Digitally signed by Rhex A. Edwards Date: 2023.12.22 07:31:13 -06'00'</small>



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4. Report Number(s): 2023-001			5. Date(s) of Inspection: December 15, 2023		
6. Inspector(s): Ryan Craffey		7. Program Code(s): 02240	8. Priority: 2	9. Inspection Guidance Used: IP 87130	
10. Licensee Contact Name(s): Jim Hatten - RSO		11. Licensee E-mail Address: jhatten@sahci.com		12. Licensee Telephone Number(s): 815-370-6538	
13. Inspection Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Routine <input type="checkbox"/> Announced <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Routine <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unannounced		14. Locations Inspected: <input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Main Office <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Job Site <input type="checkbox"/> Field Office <input type="checkbox"/> Remote		15. Next Inspection Date (MM/DD/YYYY): 12/15/2025 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Extended <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced <input type="checkbox"/> No change	
16. Location(s) Inspected List: 1331 State Street, LaPorte, IN					
17. Scope and Observations: Northwest Health-LaPorte is an 84-bed community hospital in La Porte, Indiana, authorized to use byproduct material for diagnostic and therapeutic medical purposes. At the time of the inspection, the licensee performed 8-12 cardiac stress tests per day along with other general nuclear medicine studies including 6-8 gastric emptying studies every Friday. The licensee also performed occasional therapeutic administrations of I-131 in capsule form and had performed four Y-90 microspheres administrations since the last inspection, though none since December 2021. The licensee retained the services of a health physics consultant to fulfill the duties of RSO and perform quarterly audits. The inspector toured the main hospital in La Porte. All restricted areas were properly posted and all licensed material was adequately secured. The inspector performed independent and confirmatory radiation surveys in and around these areas and found no evidence of residual contamination or exposures in unrestricted areas above limits to members of the public. The inspector observed the administration of nine unit doses of Tc-99m for three stress tests and three gastric emptying studies, as well as the receipt of packages containing licensed material. Licensee personnel were knowledgeable of radiation protection principles, wore personnel dosimetry as assigned, and used calibrated and operable radiation detection instruments and implemented effective ALARA measures. The inspector reviewed a selection of records including quarterly consultant audits, written directives and treatment records for I-131 and Y-90 microsphere cases, personnel dosimetry reports and bioassay measurements for personnel involved in the use of I-131, and other routine nuclear medicine records. The licensee was cited in 2021 for a violation of 10 CFR 35.40(a) relating to a written directive for 150 mCi of I-131 that was signed by an individual who was not an AU for this quantity of I-131. The inspector reviewed all I-131 cases since the last inspection and found that the licensee had implemented second checks and printed AU names as committed, and that the AU in question had since been approved for all quantities of I-131. No additional examples of this violation were identified, therefore the previous violation is closed. No other violations of NRC requirements were identified as a result of this inspection.					

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Signature and Date - Branch Chief



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