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May 11, 2026

June Drumeller, Executive Vice President  
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 030-13337/2026-001 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION- KUAKINI MEDICAL CENTER

Dear June Drumeller:

This letter refers to the unannounced routine inspection that was performed on April 13, 2026, at your facility in Honolulu, Hawaii. The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license as they relate to public health and safety, to confirm compliance with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) rules and regulations, and with the conditions of your license. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selected examination of procedures and representative records, observation of licensed activities, independent radiation measurements, and interviews with personnel. The inspection findings were discussed with Terisa Garrett, Vice President of Clinical Services; Harry Palmer, Radiation Safety Officer; and you during a final exit meeting at the conclusion of the onsite inspection on April 13, 2026.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that one Severity Level IV violation of NRC requirements occurred. The violation was evaluated in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy, which is included on the NRC's website at <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/enforce-pol.html>. The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) because they were identified by the NRC during the inspection. The violation involved the failure to reduce the occupational dose that an individual may be allowed to receive in the current year by the amount of occupational dose received by the individual while employed by any other person.

The inspector also reviewed your corrective actions to address two violations cited in NRC Inspection Report 030-13337/2022-001. The first violation involved the failure to properly prepare written directives. The second violation involved the failure to either perform a prospective evaluation demonstrating that occupational monitoring was not required, or to provide dosimeters to the individuals. The inspector reviewed your corrective actions to address the violations, found them to be sufficient to prevent the recurrence of the violations, and the violations are considered closed. However, as noted, during the current inspection, a different violation was identified involving your occupational monitoring program. This indicates that more comprehensive corrective actions should be developed and implemented regarding the occupational monitoring program to assure compliance with the NRC's regulations in this area.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The guidance in NRC Information Notice 96-28, "Suggested Guidance Relating to Development and Implementation of Corrective Action," may be useful in preparing your response. You can find the Information Notice on the NRC website at: <https://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML0310/ML031060071.pdf>. Information regarding the reason for the violation, the corrective actions taken and planned to correct the violation and prevent recurrence, and the date when full compliance will be (was) achieved should be addressed. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter, its enclosure, and your response, will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be made publicly available without redaction.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or the enclosed Notice, please contact Dr. Janine F. Katanic, CHP, at (817) 200-1151, or the undersigned at (817) 200-1455.

Sincerely,



Signed by Roldan-Otero, Lizette  
on 05/11/26

Lizette Roldán-Otero, PhD, Chief  
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Division of Radiological Safety and Security

Docket No. 030-13337  
License No. 53-17797-01

Enclosure:  
Notice of Violation

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## NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Kuakini Medical Center  
Honolulu, Hawaii

License No. 53-17797-01  
Docket No. 030-13337

During a U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection conducted on April 13, 2026, one violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy, the violation is listed below:

10 CFR 20.1201(f) requires, in part, that a licensee shall reduce the dose that an individual may be allowed to receive in the current year by the amount of occupational dose received while employed by any other person.

Contrary to the above, from September 2024 to January 1, 2026, the licensee failed to reduce the dose that an individual may be allowed to receive in the current year by the amount of occupational dose received while employed by any other person. Specifically, two examples of the licensee's failure were identified:

1. A nuclear medicine technologist began employment with the licensee in September 2024, but the licensee did not obtain or ascertain the occupational dose the individual had received from January-September 2024, and failed to reduce the dose that the individual may be allowed to receive in calendar year 2024 by the individual's occupational dose received while employed by another entity prior to their employment at the licensee.
2. A nuclear medicine technologist began employment with the licensee in July 2025, but the licensee did not obtain or ascertain the occupational dose the individual had received from January-July 2025, and failed to reduce the dose that the individual may be allowed to receive in calendar year 2025 by the individual's occupational dose received while employed by another entity prior to their employment at the licensee.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (NRC Enforcement Policy Section 6.7.d.)

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Kuakini Medical Center is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555-0001, with a copy to the Director, Division of Radiological Safety and Security, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region IV, 1600 E. Lamar Blvd., Arlington, Texas 76011, and emailed to [Lizette.Roldan-Otero@nrc.gov](mailto:Lizette.Roldan-Otero@nrc.gov) 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: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation or severity level; (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved; (3) the corrective steps that will be taken; and (4) the date when full compliance was or will be achieved.

Your response may reference or 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, the NRC may issue an order or a demand for information requiring you to explain why your license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why the NRC should not take other action as may be proper. Consideration may be given to extending the response time for good cause shown.

Enclosure

If you contest this enforcement action, you should also provide a copy of your response, with the basis for your denial, to the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Your response will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Therefore, to the extent possible, the response should not include any personal privacy or proprietary information so that it can be made available to the public 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 2.390(b) to support a request for withholding confidential commercial or financial information).

In accordance with 10 CFR 19.11, you may be required to post this Notice within 2 working days of receipt.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.