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SUBJECT: IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY - NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 030-32322/2026-001; AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Martin Blair:

This letter refers to the announced routine inspection that was performed from July 20 - 23, 2026, at your facilities in Pocatello, Idaho, and Idaho Falls, Idaho, with continued in-office review through September 3, 2026. 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 preliminary inspection findings were discussed with your staff at the conclusion of the onsite portion of the inspection on July 23, 2026. A final exit briefing was conducted with Jon Stoner, Radiation Safety Committee Chair; Mason Jaussi, CHP, Radiation Safety Officer; and you on September 3, 2026.

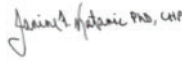
Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that one Severity Level IV violation of NRC requirements occurred. The violation was evaluated in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy, which is included on the NRC's website at <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/enforce-pol.html>. The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) because it was identified by the NRC during the inspection. The violation involved the failure to secure licensed materials from unauthorized removal or access.

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>. 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 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 Kyle Bischoff, at (817) 200-1259, or the undersigned at (817) 200-1151.

Sincerely,



Signed by Janine Katanic on 09/30/26

Janine F. Katanic, PhD, CHP, Chief
Inspection and Licensing Branch - West
Division of Federal Materials Programs
Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards

Docket No: 030-32322
License No: 11-27380-01

Enclosure:
Notice of Violation

cc w/Enclosure:
Landry Austin,
INL Oversight Program Manager

Letter to M. Blair from J. Katanic dated September 30, 2026.

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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Idaho State University
Pocatello, Idaho

License No. 11-27380-01
Docket No. 030-32322

During a U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection conducted from July 20 - 23, 2026, at your facilities in Pocatello and Idaho Falls, Idaho, one violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy, the violation is listed below:

10 CFR 20.1801 requires, in part, that a licensee shall secure from unauthorized removal or access licensed materials that are stored in controlled or restricted areas.

Contrary to the above, on July 22, 2026, the licensee failed to secure from unauthorized removal or access licensed materials that were stored in controlled or restricted areas. Specifically, the licensee stored approximately 51 licensed radioisotopes with a total activity of approximately 39 microcuries in an unlocked SPECTRA Desiccator Cabinet. The door to the room in which the SPECTRA Desiccator Cabinet was located was observed to be propped open and not locked. Licensee personnel were not present in the room to maintain constant control and surveillance of the licensed materials in the unlocked cabinet.

This is a Severity Level IV violation. (NRC Enforcement Policy, Section 6.7.d.6)

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Idaho State University, 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 Federal Materials Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III, 2056 Westings Ave., Suite 400, Naperville, IL 60563-2657, and emailed to Janine.Katanic@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 previously 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 a 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.

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.

Enclosure

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).

If Security-Related Information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, please follow the instructions for withholding in 10 CFR 2.390(b)(1).

If you contest this enforcement action, you should also provide a copy of your response, with the basis for your denial, to the Director, Division of Federal Materials Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III, 2056 Westings Ave., Suite 400, Naperville, IL 60563-2657.

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

Dated this 30 day of September 2026.