



**FORBES
REGIONAL HOSPITAL**

WEST PENN ALLEGHENY HEALTH SYSTEM

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412-858-2000

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ATTN: Document Control Desk
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

REPLY TO A NOTICE OF VIOLATION

**Docket No. 03014474
License No. 37-18104-01**

To Whom It May Concern:

The notice of violation stated that two patients who were administered therapeutic amounts of Iodine-131 were released from the hospital without the calculations necessary to ensure that the total effective dose equivalent to any other individual from exposure to the released individual was not likely to exceed 500 mrem.

The following corrective actions have been taken to ensure that the necessary calculations will be performed on all patients who have been administered unsealed byproduct material in amounts that may result in the total dose equivalent to any other individual exceeding 0.5 rem.

1. Policies and procedures regarding release of patients administered radioactive materials have been updated and reviewed with all involved staff.
2. Updates include preparation of a table listing the radioisotopes used in the hospital and the maximum amounts that may be administered in accordance with 10 CFR 35.75 and the maximum exposure rates at 1 meter from the patient to maintain accordance with 10 CFR 35.75.
3. Preparation of various calculation forms for dose determination to individuals in the general public (these forms address different patient specific factors). These forms will be used by the RSO to ensure that total dose equivalent to any individual from the released individual will not exceed 0.5 rem.

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4. The Quality Management Audit form has been revised to include review of the QM Report Form and the General Public Dose Form.

Sincerely,



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VP, Operations & Chief Nursing Officer

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CC: US NRC Region 1