

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Sibley Memorial Hospital
Washington, DC

Docket No. 03014754
License No. 08-07398-03

During an NRC inspection conducted on January 23-24, 2012, as well as an in-office review of information provided by Sibley Memorial Hospital, for which a telephonic exit meeting was conducted on June 6, 2012, two violations of NRC requirements were identified. In accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy, the violations are listed below:

- A. 10 CFR 35.633(b)(6) requires in part, that full calibration measurements on remote afterloader units for medical use include determination of length of the applicators.

Contrary to the above, as of January 24, 2012, full calibration measurements on remote afterloader units for medical use did not include determination of length of the applicators. Specifically, the licensee did not measure the length of the applicators during full calibration measurements of the high dose rate remote afterloader (HDR).

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Section 6.3).

- B. Condition 7D of License No. 08-07398-03 limits the sealed sources used in accordance with 10 CFR 35.400 to those manufacturers and models numbers specifically listed.

Contrary to the above, from November 18-22, 2011, Sibley Memorial Hospital used a sealed source in accordance with 10 CFR 35.400 that was not specifically listed on their license. Specifically, Sibley Memorial Hospital used IsoAid, LLC Model IAI-125A brachytherapy sources which was a source model not listed as an approved source in Condition 7D of their license.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Section 6.3).

The NRC has concluded that information regarding the reason for the violations, the corrective actions taken and planned to correct the violation and prevent recurrence and the date when full compliance will be achieved is already adequately addressed on the docket. However, you are required to submit a written statement or explanation pursuant to 10 CFR 2.201 if the description therein does not accurately reflect your corrective actions or your position. In that case, or if you choose to respond, clearly mark your response as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation," and send it to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region I, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice).

If you contest this enforcement action, you should also provide a copy of your response to the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Under the authority of Section 182 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 2232, any response which contests an enforcement action shall be submitted under oath or affirmation.

Your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) and on the NRC Web site. To the extent possible, it should, therefore, not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be made publically available without redaction.

However, if you find it necessary to include such information, you should clearly indicate the specific information that you desire not to be placed in the PDR, and provide the legal basis to support your request for withholding the information from the public.

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

Dated This 27th day of June 2012