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Reply to a Notice of Violation

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Subject: NRC Inspection Report 030-34474/2016-001 and Notice of Violation

Dear Mr. Kellar,

This is a response to the aforementioned violation.

1. The violation occurred as a result of the unintentional carelessness of the staff by not following well established rules that they are quite familiar with. Our nuclear technologists are both experienced and know the rules, making this violation surprising and an isolated event. Further, as RSO, I should have been randomly monitoring the hot lab workspace for food items in cabinets, as well as other employees beside the technologists entering the hot lab with food items.
2. Immediately on the day of the inspection all the referenced food items were removed from the hot lab. I personally inspected the space to ensure compliance. Later that day, I held a meeting with all of the staff involved in that work area. I reinforced the NRC rules and their importance. I set up a monitoring program including myself, and the other managers in charge of that area to ensure compliance and instituted random inspections. To date, the system is working well. There is 100% compliance.
3. Going forward continued monitoring, education, and strict compliance will take place as corrective steps.
4. Full compliance had been achieved as of November 21, 2016.

Sincerely,

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