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Docket: 030-10840

Department of Veterans Affairs
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 030-10840/92-01
(NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

Thank you for your letter of October 26, 1992, in response to our letter and attached Notice of Violation both dated October 13, 1992. We have reviewed your reply and find it responsive to the concerns raised in our Notice of Violation. We will review the implementation of your corrective actions during a future inspection to determine whether full compliance has been achieved and will be maintained.

Sincerely,

Charles L. Cain, Chief
Nuclear Materials Inspection Section

cc:
South Dakota Radiation Control Program Director

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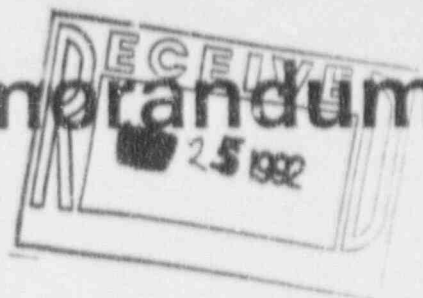
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Memorandum



Date: October 26, 1992

From: Center Director (438/115), VAMC, Sioux Falls, SD

Subj: Reply to a Notice of Violation, NRC License #40-16336-01

To: Director, Nuclear Medicine Service (132/141A5), VACO, Washington, DC

1. The following is our reply to each violation stated in the Notice of Violation dated October 13, 1992, resulting from an NRC Inspection on September 29, 1992:

A. Violation #1

The Radiation Safety Officer was not present at Radiation Safety Meetings several times between November 27, 1990 and September 29, 1992. (10 CFR 35.22)

Corrective Action

To regain compliance status with 10 CFR 35.22(a)(3), the Radiation Safety Officer will be given a schedule of the Radiation Safety Committee meetings one year in advance to allow for sufficient notice. Meetings will be held the first month of the quarter to allow for rescheduling within the quarter.

Date of Compliance

Next scheduled Radiation Safety Committee Meeting is November 2, 1992.

B. Violation #2

One sealed source was used to complete accuracy testing on June 22, 1991 and July 7, 1992. Two sealed sources are required. (10 CFR 35.50(b)(2))

Corrective Action

A CS-137 source and a CO-57 source will be used during accuracy testing to comply with 10 CFR 35.50(b)(2).

Date of Compliance

Correct accuracy testing will be completed by December 1, 1992.

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Director, Nuclear Medicine Service (132/141A5). VACO, Washington, DC

C. Violation #3

Technetium waste disposal of syringes and needles has been performed accurately. Documentation of disposal has not been maintained as required by 10 CFR 35.92(a).

Corrective Action:

Documentation of technetium waste disposal will be accomplished by labeling sharps shield containers containing technetium waste and logging disposal upon reaching 10 half-lives and background.

Date of Compliance:

Proper documentation will be completed by December 1, 1992.

2. We would like to thank Mr. Mark Shaffer, the inspector, for his courteous and professional manner in which he conducted the inspection. We appreciate his positive summary of our program and also his recommendations to improve our program even more.

R. VINCENT CRAWFORD

cc: Regional Director, Central Region (132) Ann Arbor, MI

Attachments:

Notice of Violation 10/13/92