

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION III

Report No. 030-32499/92-001(DRSS)

Docket No. 030-32499

License No. 21-26352-01

Licensee: Sid Acharya, M.D.
2680 South Cleveland Ave.
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Inspection At: Same as above

Purpose of Inspection: This special inspection was performed to determine if Dr. Acharya had a facility as described in his license application.

Inspector: W. P. Reichhold
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Radiation Specialist

2 December 1992
Date

Reviewed By: G. L. Shear
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12/3/92
Date

Inspection Summary

Inspection on April 3, 1992. (Report No. 030-32499/92-001(DRSS))

Areas Inspected: This was an announced special inspection of Dr. Acharya's facility in St. Joseph, Michigan. The inspection was performed to determine if the room for the nuclear cardiology laboratory and equipment were the same as described in Dr. Acharya's license application.

Results: No apparent violations were found.

DETAILS

1. Persons Contacted

Siddhartha Acharya, M.D., Cardiologist and Radiation Safety Officer Mary Chester, R.Ph., Pharmacist at Syncor in Grand Rapids

2. Licensed Program

Dr. Acharya's NRC license authorizes medical use of byproduct (radioactive) material as described in 10 CFR 35.200 (imaging and localization) and is limited to cardiology procedures. Dr. Acharya's NRC license does not allow the use of generators, xenon-133, and aerosols.

3. Purpose of Inspection

This was a special announced inspection to determine if Dr. Acharya had a facility as described in his license application. This was the initial inspection of Dr. Acharya's license.

4. Facility

Dr. Acharya works with a group of cardiologists at the Cardiac Care Center in St. Joseph, Michigan. Cardiac Care Center is located at 2680 South Cleveland Avenue, but Dr. Acharya's NRC license lists the authorized place of use at 2860 South Cleveland Avenue. 2860 South Cleveland Avenue appears to be a vacant lot. Dr. Acharya stated that the address listed in his NRC license was an error and he would request an amendment to his license to correct the error. Dr. Acharya claims he received mail from the NRC even though the address on his license is incorrect.

Dr. Acharya stated that the room for the nuclear cardiology laboratory and equipment shown in his license application (dated September 3, 1991) did not exist. Dr. Acharya stated that his application had been prepared by a consultant and he just signed and mailed the application to the NRC for review.

Dr. Acharya believed his license was "provisional" and he would not be able to use radioactive material under his current license. Dr. Acharya stated that it was his understanding that he needed to amend his license to show a new sketch of his nuclear cardiology laboratory when he started using radioactive material. Dr. Acharya claimed he had never received any radioactive material. To confirm this, the inspector contacted Mary Chester, R.Ph. at the local radiopharmacy and she stated they have never delivered any radioactive material to Dr. Acharya.

The inspector was accompanied by R. Anderson from the Office of Investigation who questioned Dr. Acharya about his license application.

5. Exit Meeting

The inspection results were discussed with Dr. Acharya by telephone on May 11, 1992.