

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION III

Report No. 030-30350/92-001(DRSS)

Docket No. 030-30350

License No. 21-25865-01

Licensee: William La Penna, M.D.
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Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Inspection at: Grand Valley Cardiology Specialists
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Grand Rapids, MI 49506

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

Inspector: William P. Reichhold
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Radiation Specialist

2 December 1992
Date

Reviewed by: Gary L. Shear
Gary L. Shear, Chief
Nuclear Materials Safety
Section 2

12/3/92
Date

Inspection Summary

Inspection on April 14, 1992 (Report No. 030-30350/92-001(DRSS))

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

Results: No violations were found.

DETAILS

1. Persons Contacted

William La Penna, M.D., Radiation Safety Officer and Authorized User
Dan Hinel, Radiation Safety Officer at Syncor in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

2. Licensed Program

Dr. William La Penna'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. La Penna's license does not allow the use of generators and xenon-133.

3. Purpose of Inspection

This was a special, announced inspection to determine if Dr. La Penna had a facility as described in his license application. This was the NRC's third visit to Dr. La Penna's office. The NRC attempted inspections on December 6, 1988, and August 19, 1991, but no radioactive material was in use.

4. Facility

Dr. La Penna's license application dated December 15, 1987, shows a sketch of a nuclear cardiology laboratory, but the laboratory does not exist as shown in his license application. Dr. La Penna showed the inspector a room where he planned to put his nuclear cardiology laboratory, but the room did not match the sketch in his license application. Dr. La Penna claimed he sent his consultant blueprints of his facility, but the consultant sent a sketch of the facility to the NRC rather than the blueprints. Dr. La Penna stated he did not have any of the equipment described in the license application, but claimed he had discussed purchasing the equipment from a consultant. Dr. La Penna stated he intends to purchase all the equipment described in his license application before he uses radioactive material.

Dr. La Penna stated his future plans to open a nuclear cardiology laboratory depend upon the new reimbursement rules for nuclear cardiology procedures.

Dr. La Penna claimed he had not received any radioactive material to date. The inspector called Dan Hinel, the Radiation Safety Officer at the Grand Rapids Syncor (radiopharmacy) and he stated that they had never delivered any radioactive material to Dr. La Penna's office.

Also during this inspection, R. Anderson of the Office of Investigations questioned Dr. La Penna about his license application.

5. Exit Meeting

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