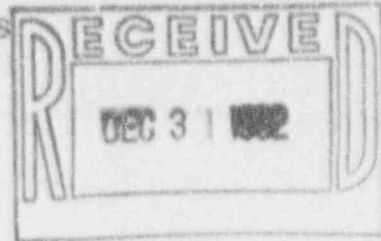




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SUBJ: Reply to a Notice of Violation

REF: License No. 42-00084-06, Docket No. 030-03255

1. **Violation - Failure to wear extremity finger badges.** This violation occurred because of a failure of nuclear medicine personnel to follow requirements set forth in radiation safety training. Contributing to the violation was the fact that the personnel involved do not normally inject patients and both the supervisor and the employee assigned to the "hot" lab were gone at the time of the inspection. Nuclear medicine personnel were reminded by the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) to wear extremity badges at an inservice held the day after the inspection. Radiation safety staff has also observed injections since the inspection and badges have been worn as required. Radiation Safety will continue to monitor the wearing of badges at least monthly and will do so at times when injections are being given. Full compliance has been achieved.

2. Thank you for bringing to our attention the five programmatic concerns. Management, the Radiation Safety Committee, and the RSO are reviewing these and will make changes to the radiation safety program that we feel are appropriate to address these concerns.

3. If you have any questions regarding this reply, please contact Mr. Jeffrey Triebel, Radiation Safety Officer, at FTS 700-528-7188.

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