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Timothy J. Karnes
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SUBJECT: INSPECTION NO. 030-03046/96-001

Dear Mr. Karnes:

This letter refers to your August 30, 1996 correspondence, in response to our August 7, 1996 letter.

Thank you for informing us of the corrective and preventive actions documented in your letter. These actions will be examined during a future inspection of your licensed program.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
Mohamed M. Shanbaky

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RE: REPLY TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Shanbaky:

This correspondence is written in response to a notice of violation received by our facility on August 7, 1996. One violation of NRC requirements was identified during a routine safety inspection conducted by your office on July 11, 1996. Our facility's response to the violation is as follows:

1). The violation occurred due to an oversight when transferring survey results into the permanent log. During a routine audit of the Nuclear Medicine Department by our Radiation Health Officer on March 12, 1996, the Picker scaler unit was declared unreliable and was recommended for replacement as soon as possible. A unit was borrowed from our health officer until the Picker unit could be replaced.

During this time, loose-leaf papers were kept until they were okayed by the Radiation Health Officer due to the unfamiliarity of the unit, then placed in the permanent log. Inadvertently, the surveys were not logged in with the daily wipes.

2). A Biodex Autolab 950 with auto printout has been acquired. Until the unit is up and running, daily logs - in accordance with NRC regulations - are being performed and overseen by the lead Nuclear Medicine technologist.

3). The staff was inserviced according to NRC regulations to assure further compliance. Also, inservices are being held for the Biodex unit with the automatic printout.

4). Full compliance was achieved on July 12, 1996, the day following the NRC inspection.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Timothy J. Karnes
President/CEO

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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Good Samaritan Medical Center
Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15905

Docket No. 030-03046
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During an NRC inspection conducted on July 11, 1996, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," (Enforcement Policy), NUREG 1600, the violation is listed below:

> 10 CFR 35.70(a) requires that a licensee survey with a radiation detection survey instrument at the end of each day of use all areas where radiopharmaceuticals are routinely prepared for use or administered.
>
> 10 CFR 35.70(h) requires, in part, that a licensee shall retain a record of each survey for three years.
>
> Contrary to the above, from March 15, 1996, until July 10, 1996, the licensee did not retain for three years records of surveys done with a radiation detection survey instrument at the end of each day of use, and no other period was authorized.
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> This is a Severity Level IV violation. (Supplement VI)

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Good Samaritan Medical Center is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555, with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region I, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a Demand for Information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.