

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

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During an NRC inspection conducted on September 24, 1996 and October 7, 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 35.50(d) requires, in part, that a licensee mathematically correct dosage readings for any linearity error that exceeds 10 percent if the dosage is greater than 10 microcuries.

Contrary to the above, on January 10, March 28, and June 7, 1995, the licensee did not mathematically correct dosage readings for dose calibrator linearity errors exceeding 10 percent, and the dosages were greater than 10 microcuries. Specifically, on these dates, the dose calibrator linearity error was 15 percent, 12 percent, and 11.5 percent, respectively, and the licensee did not mathematically correct patient dosage readings for dosages greater than 10 microcuries.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement VI).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Andrew C. Chough, M.D. 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.

Because your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), to the extent possible, it should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction. However, if you find it necessary to include such information, you should clearly indicate the specific information that you desire not to be placed in the PDR, and provide the legal basis to support your request for withholding the information from the public.

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