

November 15, 1996

David Reece, CEO
MidMichigan Regional Medical Center
4005 Orchard Drive
Midland, MI 48670

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Reece:

During a routine inspection at Dow Chemical Corporation in Midland, MI on October 16 and 17, 1996, the inspectors became aware of the transfer of 20 millicuries of tritium and 10 millicuries of strontium-90 in sealed form to MidMichigan Regional Medical Center on or about May 6, 1996. Mr. Larry Langrill, the Radiation Safety Officer listed on your license, was contacted, and an on-site inspection of the sources was conducted on October 17, 1996. The NRC has determined that possession of these sources was not authorized by your license. At the time of the inspection, Mr. Langrill stated that these sources had been in storage since they were received in May, 1996. As a result of the inspection, these sources were returned to Dow Chemical on October 21, 1996.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that MidMichigan Regional Medical Center was in possession of unauthorized material from approximately May 6, 1996 through October 21, 1996. This violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). A written response is required.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, the enclosure, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by

Cynthia D. Pederson, Director
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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Enclosure: Notice of Violation

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