

SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT AND COMPLIANCE INSPECTION

1. LICENSEE/LOCATION INSPECTED

Kaiser Permanente
Capitol Hill Medical Center

700 Second Street NE

Washington, DC

REPORT NUMBER(s) 2021001

2. NRC/REGIONAL OFFICE

Region 1
2100 Renaissance Blvd
Suite 100
King of Prussia, PA 19406-2713

3. DOCKET NUMBER(S)

030-38361

4. LICENSE NUMBER(S)

19-31420-01

5. DATE(S) OF INSPECTION

02/25/2021

LICENSEE:

The inspection was an examination of the activities conducted under your license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) rules and regulations and the conditions of your license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector. The inspection findings are as follows:

- ☐ 1. Based on the inspection findings, no violations were identified.
- ☐ 2. Previous violation(s) closed.
- ☐ 3. The violations(s), specifically described to you by the inspector as non-cited violations, are not being cited because they were self-identified, non-repetitive, and corrective action was or is being taken, and the remaining criteria in the NRC Enforcement Policy, to exercise discretion, were satisfied.

_____ Non-cited violation(s) were discussed involving the following requirement(s):

- ☒ 4. During this inspection, certain of your activities, as described below and/or attached, were in violation of NRC requirements and are being cited in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy. This form is a NOTICE OF VIOLATION, which may be subject to posting in accordance with 10 CFR 19.11. (Violations and Corrective Actions)

Condition 14 of License No. 19-31420-01, Amendment 4, requires, in part, that the licensee shall conduct its program in accordance with statements, representations, and procedures contained in the Application dated August 31, 2010. (ADAMS accession number ML102500120).

The application dated August 31, 2010, specifies that the licensee will implement and maintain procedures for the safe response to spills of licensed material in accordance with 10 CFR 20.1101. Item 5 in both the minor spill and major spill sections of the Emergency Procedure developed by Kaiser Permanente states that the Radiation Safety Officer will be notified of all spills.

Contrary to the above, from June 2020 through February 25, 2021, Kaiser Permanente did not conduct its program in accordance with a procedure contained in the Application dated August 31, 2010, related to safe response to spills of licensed material. Specifically, a spill occurred in June 2020 that contaminated the hand of a Nuclear Medicine Technologist, and the Radiation Safety Officer was not informed of this event.

This is a Severity Level IV violation. (Enforcement Policy Section 6.3).

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The licensee implemented the following corrective actions: A re-evaluation of their occupational radiational exposure monitoring program and spill notification process was performed. Following the re-evaluation, beginning with the second quarter of 2021, their quarterly audits will display the reading of each technologist. In addition, the technologist will be re-educated on the established ALARA Investigation Levels which trigger a notification to the RSO.

Statement of Corrective Actions

I hereby state that, within 30 days, the actions described by me to the Inspector will be taken to correct the violations identified. This statement of corrective actions is made in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.201 (corrective steps already taken, corrective steps which will be taken, date when full compliance will be achieved). I understand that no further written response to NRC will be required, unless specifically requested.

TITLE	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
LICENSEE'S REPRESENTATIVE	Eric Person, Regional Manager, NM Services	<i>Eric J. Person</i>	3/19/2021
NRC INSPECTOR	Robin Elliott	<i>Robin Elliott</i>	3/17/2021
BRANCH CHIEF	Donna M. Janda		