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From: Commanding Officer, Navy Environmental Health Center

Subj: NAVY RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL PERMIT PROGRAM INFORMATION
NOTICE 93-2

Ref: (a) Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations Part 35.22(b)(6)
(b) BUMEDINST 6470.20 "Radioactive Material Program for
Medical Use"

1. This notice is being sent to inform you of deficiencies in the Navy Radioactive Material Permit programs at a few Navy Medical Department Activities. The items identified were classified as severity level three. Severity level three deficiencies can result in Nuclear Regulatory Commission enforcement actions which include; issuing Notices of Violation, imposition of civil penalties, and issuing orders affecting continued use of radioactive material. The problems identified were as follows:

a. At one command radioactive material was left in an unrestricted area and subsequently lost. The root cause of this problem was that the Radiation Safety Officer had not instructed his staff in the approved procedures for receipt of radioactive material and was unaware of the procedures used by the staff to receive material.

b. At another command record keeping requirements identified to correct a deficiency from a previous inspection had not been implemented by the staff. The root cause of this problem was that the Radiation Safety Officer had not ensured that the procedures, including the record keeping, that had been identified to correct a previous deficiency were being used.

2. The Radiation Safety Officer's responsibility for management and oversight of the Radiation Safety program cannot be overemphasized. Your direct involvement is required to ensure proper implementation of regulatory and permit requirements by the radiation safety staff and all users of radioactive material. A mechanism you can use to ensure implementation of requirements is the annual internal and external audits required by references (a) and (b) respectively. A copy of the annual external audit required by reference (b) is to be provided to the Navy Environmental Health Center (Code 31).

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