

described above is such that the public health, safety and interest require that this Order be immediately effective.

V

Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 81, 161b, 161i, 161o, 182 and 186 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 2.202, 10 CFR 30.10, and 10 CFR 150.20, it is hereby ordered, effective immediately, that:

1. Kenneth M. Baab is prohibited from engaging in NRC-licensed activities for one year effective from December 14, 2001. NRC-licensed activities are those activities that are conducted pursuant to a specific or general license issued by the NRC, including, but not limited to, those activities of Agreement State licensees conducted pursuant to the authority granted by 10 CFR 150.20.

2. If Kenneth M. Baab is currently involved in NRC-licensed activities, Mr. Baab must immediately cease such activities, and inform the NRC of the name, address and telephone number of the employer, and provide a copy of this Order to the employer.

3. For a period of one year after the one-year period of prohibition has expired, Mr. Baab shall, within 20 days of his acceptance of each employment offer involving NRC-licensed activities, as defined in Paragraph V.1 above, provide notice to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, of the name, address, and telephone number of the employer or the entity where he is, or will be, involved in the NRC-licensed activities. In the first notification, Mr. Baab shall include a statement of his commitment to compliance with regulatory requirements and the basis why the Commission should have confidence that he will now comply with applicable NRC requirements.

The Director, Office of Enforcement, may, in writing, relax or rescind any of the above conditions upon demonstration by Mr. Baab of good cause.

VI

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.202, Kenneth M. Baab must, and any other person adversely affected by this Order may, submit an answer to this Order, and may request a hearing on this Order, within 20 days of the date of this Order. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the time to request a hearing. A request for extension of time must be made in writing to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555,

and include a statement of good cause for the extension. The answer may consent to this Order. Unless the answer consents to this Order, the answer shall, in writing and under oath or affirmation, specifically admit or deny each allegation or charge made in this Order and shall set forth the matters of fact and law on which Mr. Baab or other person adversely affected relies and the reasons as to why the Order should not have been issued. Any answer or request for a hearing shall be submitted to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Attn: Chief, Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, Washington, DC 20555. Copies also shall be sent to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, to the Assistant General Counsel for Materials Litigation and Enforcement at the same address, to the Regional Administrator, NRC Region I, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory, 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406, and to Mr. Baab if the answer or hearing request is by a person other than Mr. Baab. Because of continuing disruptions in delivery of mail to United States Government offices, it is requested that answers and requests for hearing be transmitted to the Secretary of the Commission either by means of facsimile transmission to 301-415-1101 or by e-mail to hearingdocket@nrc.gov and also to the Assistant General Counsel either by means of facsimile transmission to 301-415-3725 or by e-mail to OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov. If a person other than Mr. Baab requests a hearing, that person shall set forth with particularity the manner in which his interest is adversely affected by this Order and shall address the criteria set forth in 10 CFR 2.714(d).¹

If a hearing is requested by Mr. Baab or a person whose interest is adversely affected, the Commission will issue an Order designating the time and place of any hearing. If a hearing is held, the issue to be considered at such hearing shall be whether this Order should be sustained.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.202(c)(2)(i), the licensee may, in addition to demanding a hearing, at the time the answer is filed or sooner, move the presiding officer to set aside the immediate effectiveness of the Order on the ground that the Order, including the need for immediate effectiveness, is not based on adequate

evidence but on mere suspicion, unfounded allegations, or error.

In the absence of any request for hearing, or written approval of an extension of time in which to request a hearing, the provisions specified in Section V above shall be final twenty (20) days from the date of this Order without further order or proceedings. If an extension of time for requesting a hearing has been approved, the provisions specified in Section V shall be final when the extension expires if a hearing request has not been received. An answer or a request for hearing shall not stay the immediate effectiveness of this order.

Dated: Dated this 22nd day of October 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Carl J. Paperiello,

Deputy Executive Director for Materials, Research, and State Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[IA 02-019]

In the Matter of Mr. Chitranjan Patel; Order Prohibiting Involvement in NRC-Licensed Activities (Effective Immediately)

I

Mr. Chitranjan Patel (Mr. Patel) is the Chief Operating Officer of Advanced Medical Imaging and Nuclear Services (AMINS). AMINS is the holder of Byproduct Nuclear Material License No. 37-30603-01 issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) pursuant to 10 CFR part 30. The license authorizes AMINS to possess and use any byproduct material listed in 10 CFR 35.100 and 10 CFR 35.200. The license was issued on February 16, 2001, and is due to expire on February 28, 2011.

II

On November 30, 2001, the NRC conducted an inspection at AMINS. During the inspection, violations of NRC requirements were identified. The most significant violations involved the receipt, possession, and use of NRC licensed material between March 2001 and November 2001, without an Authorized User (AU) and a Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) at the facility, contrary to 10 CFR 35.11(a) and 10 CFR 35.21. As a result of this finding, the NRC issued a Confirmatory Action Letter (CAL) on December 3, 2001, confirming AMINS commitment, in

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part, to: (1) Immediately place all byproduct material in its possession in secured storage; and (2) cease all licensed activities until AMINS retained an AU and RSO, and received approval (via a license amendment from the NRC) for the changes to bring the licensee's program into full compliance with 10 CFR part 35. The NRC subsequently issued an Order Suspending the license on December 14, 2001, as well as a Demand for Information on December 21, 2001, requesting information, in part, as to why the license should not be revoked.

Between December 5, 2001 and March 27, 2002, the NRC Office of Investigations conducted an investigation of activities at the AMINS facility. During the investigation, the NRC determined that: (1) Mr. Patel, the Chief Operating Officer (COO), and another individual (the Vice President (VP)) operated the AMINS facility with the knowledge that the facility did not have an AU and RSO in deliberate violation of NRC regulations; (2) Mr. Patel and the VP knowingly caused false and misleading information to be provided to a radiopharmaceutical company to acquire the radiopharmaceuticals needed for diagnostic testing of AMINS patients; and (3) the records maintained by AMINS were inaccurate, since they named a physician as the AU, when, in fact, the individual was not acting as the AU. The evidence to support these conclusions include:

- In March 2001, AMINS staff began performing licensed activities including ordering and administering radiopharmaceuticals to patients on approximately 590 occasions between June 2001 and November 2001, using the name of an individual as the requesting AU who, in fact, was not the AU and had never been hired by AMINS.
- In October 2001, a consulting physicist conducted an audit that revealed that the duties of the AU/RSO had not been performed, and he briefed Mr. Patel and the VP regarding the problem at the end of the audit, yet NRC licensed activities continued until the NRC inspection on November 30, 2001.
- Mr. Patel, when interviewed by the OI investigator, admitted that he knew the facility was required to have an AU and RSO and knew that it was a problem in June 2001, but Mr. Patel did not take action to cease all licensed activities. In addition, he admitted to the OI investigator that there were financial considerations associated with keeping the facility open.

III

The NRC's requirements in 10 CFR 30.10(a)(1) prohibit an employee of a license from engaging in deliberate misconduct that causes or, but for detection, would have caused, a licensee to be in violation of any rule, regulation, or order, or any term, condition, or limitation of any license, issued by the Commission. 10 CFR 35.11 requires, in part, that a person shall not use byproduct material for medical use except in accordance with a specific license or under the supervision of an AU as provided in 10 CFR 35.25. 10 CFR 35.21(a) requires that a licensee shall appoint an RSO responsible for implementing the radiation safety program. Further, 10 CFR 30.9 requires, in part, that information required to be maintained by the license shall be complete and accurate in all material respects.

Based on the inspection and investigation, the NRC has concluded that Mr. Patel, as the COO of AMINS, violated 10 CFR 30.10. Specifically, Mr. Patel violated 10 CFR 30.10(a)(1) in that he engaged in deliberate misconduct that caused the Licensee to violate NRC requirements by: (1) Operating the AMINS facility without an AU, contrary to 10 CFR 35.11; (2) operating the AMINS facility without an RSO, contrary to 10 CFR 35.21 (a); and (3) maintaining inaccurate records, contrary to 10 CFR 30.9, in that the records (which were used to order the radioactive material from a radiopharmacy) indicated that the material was being ordered by a physician listed as the AU, when in fact, the individual had never been employed by the licensee. These violations are significant because, by allowing licensed activities to continue even though he knew that AMINS did not have an AU and RSO, Mr. Patel's actions created the potential for unnecessary radiation exposures to workers and members of the public.

IV

The NRC must be able to rely on the Licensee, and Licensee employees, to comply with NRC requirements, including the requirement to provide information that is complete and accurate in all material respects. Mr. Patel's deliberate violation of Commission regulations, raises serious questions as to whether he can be relied upon to comply with NRC requirements, including the maintenance of complete and accurate information.

Consequently, I lack the requisite reasonable assurance that licensed activities can be conducted in

compliance with the Commission's requirements and that the health and safety of the public would be protected if Chitranjan Patel were permitted at this time to be involved in NRC-licensed activities. Therefore, the NRC has determined that the public health, safety and interest require that Chitranjan Patel be prohibited from any involvement in NRC-licensed activities for a period of one year. Since licensed activities at AMINS ceased on December 14, 2001, with the NRC issuance of the Order Suspending License, and since Mr. Patel has not been involved in licensed activities since that time, the one-year prohibition period will retroactively begin on December 14, 2001, and end on December 14, 2002. However, if Chitranjan Patel is currently involved in NRC-licensed activities at any NRC licensed facility, Mr. Patel must immediately cease such activities, and inform the NRC of the name, address and telephone number of the employer, and provide a copy of this Order to the employer. Additionally, Mr. Patel is required to notify the NRC of his first employment in NRC-licensed activities following the one-year prohibition period.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.202, I find that the significance of Mr. Patel's conduct described above is such that the public health, safety and interest require that this Order be immediately effective.

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Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 81, 161b, 161i, 161o, 182 and 186 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 2.202, 10 CFR 30.10, and 10 CFR 150.20, It Is Hereby Ordered, Effective Immediately, That:

1. Chitranjan Patel is prohibited from engaging in NRC-licensed activities for one year effective from December 14, 2001. NRC-licensed activities are those activities that are conducted pursuant to a specific or general license issued by the NRC, including, but not limited to, those activities of Agreement State licensees conducted pursuant to the authority granted by 10 CFR 150.20.

2. If Chitranjan Patel is currently involved in NRC-licensed activities, Mr. Patel must immediately cease such activities, and inform the NRC of the name, address and telephone number of the employer, and provide a copy of this Order to the employer.

3. For a period of one year after the one-year period of prohibition has expired, Mr. Patel shall, within 20 days of his acceptance of each employment offer involving NRC-licensed activities, as defined in Paragraph V.1 above, provide notice to the Director, Office of

Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, of the name, address, and telephone number of the employer or the entity where he is, or will be, involved in the NRC-licensed activities. In the first notification, Mr. Patel shall include a statement of his commitment to compliance with regulatory requirements and the basis why the Commission should have confidence that he will now comply with applicable NRC requirements.

The Director, Office of Enforcement, may, in writing, relax or rescind any of the above conditions upon demonstration by Mr. Patel of good cause.

VI

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.202, Chitranjan Patel must, and any other person adversely affected by this Order may, submit an answer to this Order, and may request a hearing on this Order, within 20 days of the date of this Order. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the time to request a hearing. A request for extension of time must be made in writing to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and include a statement of good cause for the extension. The answer may consent to this Order. Unless the answer consents to this Order, the answer shall, in writing and under oath or affirmation, specifically admit or deny each allegation or charge made in this Order and shall set forth the matters of fact and law on which Mr. Patel or other person adversely affected relies and the reasons as to why the Order should not have been issued. Any answer or request for a hearing shall be submitted to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, *Attn:* Chief, Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, Washington, DC 20555. Copies also shall be sent to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, to the Assistant General Counsel for Materials Litigation and Enforcement at the same address, to the Regional Administrator, NRC Region I, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory, 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406, and to Mr. Patel if the answer or hearing request is by a person other than Mr. Patel. Because of continuing disruptions in delivery of mail to United States Government offices, it is requested that answers and requests for hearing be transmitted to the Secretary of the Commission either by means of facsimile transmission to (301) 415-1101 or by e-mail to

hearingdocket@nrc.gov and also to the Assistant General Counsel either by means of facsimile transmission to (301) 415-3725 or by e-mail to *OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov*. If a person other than Mr. Patel requests a hearing, that person shall set forth with particularity the manner in which his interest is adversely affected by this Order and shall address the criteria set forth in 10 CFR 2.714(d).¹

If a hearing is requested by Mr. Patel or a person whose interest is adversely affected, the Commission will issue an Order designating the time and place of any hearing. If a hearing is held, the issue to be considered at such hearing shall be whether this Order should be sustained.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.202(c)(2)(i), the licensee may, in addition to demanding a hearing, at the time the answer is filed or sooner, move the presiding officer to set aside the immediate effectiveness of the Order on the ground that the Order, including the need for immediate effectiveness, is not based on adequate evidence but on mere suspicion, unfounded allegations, or error.

In the absence of any request for hearing, or written approval of an extension of time in which to request a hearing, the provisions specified in Section IV above shall be final twenty (20) days from the date of this Order without further order or proceedings. If an extension of time for requesting a hearing has been approved, the provisions specified in Section IV shall be final when the extension expires if a hearing request has not been received. An Answer or a Request for Hearing Shall Not Stay the Immediate Effectiveness of This Order.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Carl J. Paperiello,

Deputy Executive Director for Materials, Research, and State Programs.

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COMMISSION ON OCEAN POLICY

Public Meeting

AGENCY: Commission on Ocean Policy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy will hold a meeting to

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discuss the development of recommendations for a coordinated national ocean policy. This will be the thirteenth public Commission meeting.

DATES: The public meeting will be held Friday, November 22, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting location is the Amphitheater, Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave, NW., Washington DC 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Terry Schaff, U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, 1120 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20036, 202-418-3442, *schaff@oceancommission.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held pursuant to requirements under the Oceans Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-256, section 3(e)(1)(E)). The agenda will include discussions of policy options, presentations by invited speakers, a public comment session, and any required administrative discussions and executive sessions. Invited speakers and members of the public are requested to submit their statements for the record electronically by Wednesday, November 13, 2002 to the meeting Point of Contact. The meeting agenda, including the specific time for the public comment period, and guidelines for making public comments will be posted on the Commission's website at <http://www.oceancommission.gov> prior to the meeting.

Dated: October 25, 2002.

Thomas R. Kitsos,

Executive Director, U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Notice of Applications for Deregistration Under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

October 25, 2002.

The following is a notice of applications for deregistration under section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 for the month of October 2002. A copy of each application may be obtained for a fee at the SEC's Public Reference Branch, 450 Fifth St., NW, Washington, DC 20549-0102 (tel. (202) 942-8090). An order granting each application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any