

Salient Characteristics

The mission of the Department of Veterans Affairs, North Florida South Georgia Veterans Healthcare System (NF/SG VHS), Nuclear Medicine Service, is to monitor radiation for 350 employees who are occupationally exposed while working with radioactive material. Two delivery locations within the NF/SG VHS are Gainesville VAMC and Jacksonville VA Outpatient Clinic.

Nuclear Medicine Service strives to provide high quality, effective, and efficient protection from radiation to those responsible for providing care to the Veterans at the point-of-care in an effective, timely and compassionate manner. Also, NF/SG VHS depends on Nuclear Medicine Service to meet the mandatory goals as required by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) [Reference: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regulation 10CFR35.47] including OSHA Technical Manual (OTM) [Reference: Hospital Investigation Health Hazards Section VI, Chapter 1 and 29CFR1910.1096(d)(2)].

The salient characteristics that must be met:

- Personnel dose monitors must be processed and evaluated by an accredited National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) processor or company.
- Must be able to provide timely deliveries for both monthly and quarterly needs.
- Must provide communications of system delays, server outage or any major emergency affecting access to content by information bulletins, emails or other modes of communication.
- Must be able to provide update-to-date, accurate information for all NRC reports that are needed.