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INFORMATION BULLETIN 2010-02



To: All Oregon Radioactive
Material Licensees

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Subject: Unwanted Radioactive Sources

Oregon Radiation Protection Services (Oregon RPS) is issuing this Information Bulletin to inform licensees of a potential disposal opportunity for unwanted radioactive sources. The program, entitled "Source Collection and Threat Reduction" or "SCATR," is designed to collect sources being stored and not used that could as an aggregate be used for malicious intent.

Description of Circumstances:

The Department of Energy has recognized that the availability of disposal of such sources is limited and expensive and has initiated this rare opportunity to provide financial assistance to the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. (CRCPD) to properly secure and dispose of these sources. Radiation Protection Services is an affiliate member of the CRCPD and will be participating in this program. Each licensee may incur an expense based on the size and quantity of material disposed. Under this program, this expense will be considerably lower than individual licensee anticipated disposal cost.

Not all sources will qualify for this program. Examples of sources that would be eligible for the SCATR program include medical brachytherapy sources (Cesium-137 and Radium-226), eye applicators, and low activity, long half-life industrial sources and calibration sources. Feel free to send a list of all sources and you will be notified if they do not meet the criteria.

To participate in this program, licensees must register unused sources with the Department of Energy's Offsite Source Recovery Project at <http://OSRP.LANL.GOV> by **February 15, 2010**.

Once the inventory of sources has been completed, Oregon RPS and the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. staff will work with licensees to arrange for disposal.



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Oregon RPS expects that the collection will take place during calendar year 2010. Additional information concerning this program will be provided as it becomes available.

A written response to this bulletin is required to take advantage of this opportunity.

Please provide the following information for each unwanted source:

- Licensee Name
- Contact information (Name, Phone #, Fax #, email address)
- Date registered with OSRP
- Fiscal status for cost share agreement (Ability to pay cost share or full cost – reduced by using State disposal permit and bid process to consolidate shipments)
- Radionuclide
- Activity (in Curies)
- Assay Date
- Device / Source description (Manufacturer/Model No. & Serial No.)
- Device / Source dimensions and weight
- Device / Source licensed/intended use (may help with source recycling)

Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to call, write, or E-mail our office.

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