

# NMED Item Number: 000068

## Event Details

**ABSTRACT:** The Minnesota Department of Health (MDOH) reported that as a truck entered the Dakota County Sanitary Landfill, located in Burnsville, Minnesota, the contents alarmed their radiation monitor. A representative of the MDOH surveyed the contents of the truck and found contaminated kitty litter distributed throughout the load. The isotope was later identified as I-131. On 10/26/1999, the landfill decided to bury the waste load. The landfill investigated the possible origin of this waste and determined, based on the truck's pick up route log (mostly residential areas), that the waste probably came from a dumpster at the Ralph C. Weichselbaum, D.V.M. Clinic. However, there was no direct evidence in the waste load which would link the material to the clinic.

<b>Event Date</b>	<b>Discovery Date</b>	<b>Report Date</b>
10/25/1999	10/25/1999	10/25/1999

### Licensee / Reporting Party Information:

Agreement State Regulated:	NO	Reciprocity:	NONE
License Number:	NON-LICENSEE	Licensee:	DAKOTA COUNTY SANITARY LANDFILL
Docket:	NA	City:	BURNSVILLE
Program Code:	NA	State:	MN
NRC Region Office:	3		

### Site of Event:

Site Name: BURNSVILLE  
 State: MN

### Additional Involved Party:

License No: NR Name: WEICHELBAUM, D.V.M. CLINIC  
 City: FALCON HEIGHTS  
 State: MN

### Other Information:

NRC Reportable Event:	Y	Abnormal Occurrence:	N
Agreement State Reportable Event:	N	Investigation:	Y
Atomic Energy Act Material:	Y	NMED Record Complete:	Y
Consultant Hired:	N	Event Closed by Region/State:	Y

### Event Class:

LAS - LOST OR STOLEN  
 CAUSE: NOT REPORTED

### Equipment Information (System Level):

LAS			
System ID#:	1	Model Number:	NA
System ID:	WASTE, RADIOACTIVE	Serial Number:	NA
Manufacturer:	NR	Problem with System:	

### Equipment Information (Component Level):

A-7

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Component ID#: 1  
 Component ID: UNSEALED SOURCE RADIOPHARM  
 Manufacturer: NR  
 Model Number: NA  
 Serial Number: NA

Radionuclide: I-131  
 Activity (Curies): NR  
 Leak Test Results (uCi): NA  
 Problem with Component:

### Reporting Requirements:

LAS Mode Reported: WRITTEN  
 Report Requirements: 20.2201(b)(1) - THE 30 DAY WRITTEN REPORT FOLLOWING A 20.2201(a) TELEPHONE REPORT.

### Contributing Factors/Corrective Actions Information:

LAS  
 Factor #: 1  
 Contributor Factor: NOT REPORTED  
 Corrective Action: MATERIAL DISPOSED OF AS WASTE

### Keywords

LAS  
 Keyword: WASTE, RADIOACTIVE  
 Keyword: UNSEALED SOURCE RADIOPHARM  
 Keyword: RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL AT LANDFILL  
 Keyword: RECORD COMPLETE  
 Keyword: EVENT CLOSED BY REGION/STATE  
 Keyword: MATERIAL LOST AND FOUND

### Event Documents List

Report ID No	Entry Date	Retraction Date	Type of Report
ML993620195	02/04/2000		NRC LETTER
LTR030310	03/11/2003		NRC LETTER