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Administrator  
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region III  
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Subject: Follow Up to Report of Missing Generally Licensed Device

Dear Sir or Madam:

On October 20, 1999 3M reported a missing Model 703 Static Meter containing a 200 millicurie H-3 source in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 31.5(c)(10) and 10 CFR 20.2201(a)(1)(ii). The initial report was by telephone to the NRC Operations Center with confirmation provided in a follow up telephone call from George Parker of NRC Region III. A written report in the form of a letter dated November 2, 1999 was sent to fulfill the requirements of 10 CFR 20.2201(b).

The missing source has now been returned anonymously. It was found by the facility Radiation Safety Officer in the area where it had been in storage. When found the source was on a counter top in the case in which it was stored. The static meter containing the source is in good condition with the required "Caution - Radioactive Material" labels in place.

The device has now been transferred to the 3M Corporate Health Physics group and placed in secure storage. A leak test of the device, while not required of H-3 sources, was performed and showed  $<5 \times 10^{-3}$   $\mu\text{Ci}$  of removable contamination. In the absence of any indication of damage to the device it appears that no significant exposure of personnel occurred during the time it was missing.

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3M plans no further action with regard to this matter beyond those described in the letter of November 2, which have been completed. If you have questions on this matter or require further information, please contact Frederick Entwistle of this office at 612/736-0740.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Duane C. Hall".

Duane C. Hall

Corporate Radiation Safety Officer