

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD	Date: Various	Time: Various
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Person Called: Various	Licensee: Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Telephone No.: Various
Person Calling: Steven Courtemanche/(610) 337-5075		
Subject: Information needed for an NMED Event.		

Summary: 4/6/2005 14:00 I spoke with Patricia Lopez, RSO (860-210-3058), about the missing nickel-63 source and the licensee's follow-up to the event. She stated that an e-mail had been sent to all personnel about the missing source and to contact her if they had any information about the source. No one responded to the e-mail. She also stated that the incident would be incorporated into the annual training to remind old researchers and inform new researchers of the proper handling of radioactive materials. She stated that she had contacted a representative of CH Technologies but was not able to obtain any information concerning the model of the device lost. She was directed to a web page which had pictures of the various items sold by the company. Ms. Lopez provided me with the phone number she had called.

4/11/2005 13:00 I called CH Technologies at 201-666-2335 and attempted to speak to Rudolf Jaeger, Ph.D., President of the company. The receptionist informed me that he would not be in until the following day. I examined the website and could not determine from it if any of the devices were equipped with radioactive sources.

4/12/2005 09:00 Dr. Jaeger returned my call. I questioned him about the incident at Boehringer Ingelheim. He confirmed that he had sold the licensee a piece of equipment called a Nose Inhalation System. However, none of their equipment is designed for the inclusion of a radioactive source. He stated that he knew that if he were to manufacture such a device, he would need a license and did not want the bother that would bring. He suggested that either the licensee modified the equipment or had TSI, a company located at 500 Cardigan Road, Minneapolis, MN perform the modification. I thanked Dr. Jaeger for the information. Examination of TSI's NRC license determined that TSI was never authorized to receive or distribute devices containing nickel-63, though they do distribute aerosol devices.

10:30 I spoke with Ms. Lopez about the information that Dr. Jaeger provided. I then requested that Ms. Lopez speak to the researcher and have him call me so that I could determine the origin of the nickel 63 source.

13:45 Ms. Lopez called me back with additional information. She stated that there was a record of the receipt of the source from DuPont. When she contacted a representative from DuPont, he indicated that the sources were supplied to Isotope Product Laboratories. The representative from IPL indicated that their records did not include data from 1994 and they could not supply a model number. The primary researcher no longer works for the licensee but an individual who worked with the unit was available. I told Ms. Lopez that an inspector from the NRC would speak to the individual when the inspection of the program occurred. She informed me that the name of the individual was Art Schlesinger. I thanked her for the information.

Action Required/Taken: Place into ADAMS.

Prepared by Steven Courtemanche

Date: April 12, 2005