

EDO Principal Correspondence Control

FROM: DUE: 11/20/07

EDO CONTROL: G20070769  
DOC DT: 10/18/07  
FINAL REPLY:

State Representative Paul E. Opsommer  
State of Michigan

TO:

S. Reynolds, RIII

FOR SIGNATURE OF :

\*\* GRN \*\*

CRC NO: 07-0727

Reyes, EDO

DESC:

Cesium-137 - Security Concerns  
(EDATS: SECY-2007-0482)

ROUTING:

Reyes  
Virgilio  
Kane  
Ash  
Ordaz  
Burns  
Zimmerman, NSIR  
Caldwell, RIII  
Cyr, OGC  
Diaz-Toro, OEDO

DATE: 10/31/07

ASSIGNED TO:

CONTACT:

FSME

Miller

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS:

Coordinate response with NSIR, Region III and OGC.  
Prepare response for the signature of the EDO. Add  
the Commission on as cc's. Commission to review  
response prior to dispatch.

# EDATS

Electronic Document and Action Tracking System

**EDATS Number:** SECY-2007-0482

**Source:** SECY

## General Information

**Assigned To:** FSME

**OEDO Due Date:** 11/20/2007 5:00 PM

**Other Assignees:**

**SECY Due Date:** 11/22/2007 5:00 PM

**Subject:** Cesium-137 Irradiators - Security Concern

**Description:**

**CC Routing:** Region III; NSIR; OGC

**ADAMS Accession Numbers - Incoming:** NONE

**Response/Package:** NONE

## Other Information

**Cross Reference Number:** G20070769, LTR-07-0727

**Staff Initiated:** NO

**Related Task:**

**Recurring Item:** NO

**File Routing:** EDATS

**Agency Lesson Learned:** NO

**Roadmap Item:** NO

## Process Information

**Action Type:** Letter

**Priority:** Medium

**Signature Level:** EDO

**Sensitivity:** None

**Urgency:** NO

**OEDO Concurrence:** NO

**OCM Concurrence:** NO

**OCA Concurrence:** NO

**Special Instructions:** Coordinate response with NSIR, Region III and OGC. Prepare response for the signature of the EDO. Add the Commission on as cc's. Commission to review response prior to dispatch.

## Document Information

**Originator Name:** State Representative Paul E. Opsommer

**Date of Incoming:** 10/18/2007

**Originating Organization:** State of Michigan

**Document Received by SECY Date:** 10/31/2007

**Addressee:** Steve Reynolds, RIII

**Date Response Requested by Originator:** NONE

**Incoming Task Received:** Letter

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CORRESPONDENCE CONTROL TICKET

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**PAPER NUMBER:** LTR-07-0727 **LOGGING DATE:** 10/30/2007  
**ACTION OFFICE:** EDO

**AUTHOR:** Paul Opsommer  
**AFFILIATION:** MI  
**ADDRESSEE:** Steve Reynolds  
**SUBJECT:** Cesium -137 irradiator

**ACTION:** Signature of EDO  
**DISTRIBUTION:** RF

**LETTER DATE:** 10/18/2007  
**ACKNOWLEDGED:** No  
**SPECIAL HANDLING:** Made publicly available in ADAMS  
**NOTES:** Commission should review response prior to dispatch  
**FILE LOCATION:** ADAMS

**DATE DUE:** 11/22/2007 **DATE SIGNED:**

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**PAUL E. OPSOMMER**

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

October 18, 2007

Mr. Steve Reynolds  
Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission – Region 3  
2443 Warrenville Road; Suite #210  
Lisle, Illinois 60532

Dear Mr. Reynolds,

I have been doing some research regarding the issue of Cesium-137 irradiators. As I am sure you are already aware, cesium-137 is a potent radionuclide that has the potential of being used for a dirty bomb.

I have recently been made aware of a federal report that called for replacing the over 1,000 irradiators located throughout the country because they contain cesium-137 and represent an increased security concern. Because of this I am considering introducing legislation to ensure that the citizens of this State are properly protected. My current endeavors are focused on gathering the information that will tell me how serious of an issue this is and what the best action to take would be.

I would like to respectfully request information regarding Cesium-137 as it pertains to the state of Michigan. After some preliminary research, I have been directed to you as the person to obtain this information from. I would like to know how many cesium-137 irradiators there are in the State of Michigan and what their locations are. I would greatly appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul E. Opsommer", written over a horizontal line.

Paul E. Opsommer  
Michigan State Representative