

EDO Principal Correspondence Control

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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

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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

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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

Date Printed: Oct 31, 2007 10:04

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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October 18, 2007

Mr. Steve Reynolds
Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards
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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,

Paul E. Opsommer
Michigan State Representative