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General Comment

It is necessary to continue to use the current Cesium sources for studies related to radiation effects on living systems.

There are thousands of studies done by various Universities/Institutes nationwide that will be adversely affected by the replacement of current Cesium sources. Such an action will necessitate repetition of all these in vitro and in vivo studies with the new source, which will be particularly of great concern. If the current sources are replaced, some crucial studies will have to be repeated draining much needed resources for countermeasure studies against radiological and nuclear terrorism. Such an action may not be approved by Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees.

Therefore, I submit to NRC to consider repealing the proposed action to avoid wasting valuable resources.

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