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ALL AGREEMENT STATES, MICHIGAN, NEW JERSEY

ISSUANCE OF NRC INFORMATION NOTICE 2009-15 (FSME-09-076)

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Background: The NRC is issuing IN 2009-15, Varian Medical Systems Varisource High Dose-Rate Remote Afterloader Events: Source Retraction Problems, to: 1) alert addressees about recently reported events where service engineers experienced problems with the VariSource HDR during source retractions, and 2) have recipients review the information to avoid similar problems.

Discussion: IN 2009-15, Varian Medical Systems Varisource High Dose-Rate Remote Afterloader Events: Source Retraction Problems is provided to the Agreement States to inform licensees of the precautions they may take to reduce the risk of problems occurring. The IN can be found at:
<http://adamswebsearch2.nrc.gov/idmws/ViewDocByAccession.asp?AccessionNumber=ML092120085>

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