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Name of Licensee: HealthCenter Imaging of Stamford LLC dba Health Center Imaging

Name of Participant(s): Betsy Ullrich, NRC and receptionist, HealthCenter Imaging and Crystal McCarthy, HealthCenter

Telephone No. 203-870-8611 (C. McCarthy cell [REDACTED])

Subject: Rb generator

(NOTE: This will be used as the Documents Title in ADAMS)

Crystal McCarthy NMT, returned my call about the Rb generator. According to her, Johan Brag told her that there was not a generator at the trash plant, but that he picked up a bag of blue chucks. Ms. McCarthy stated that she installed a new Rb generator into the generator cart on Monday, 12/21 and removed the old generator into its return package, but did not return it. She worked on 12/22 but not since then, and is on vacation out-of-state. She will return to work at healthCenter Imaging on Thursday 12/30 but does not expect to treat patients until sometime after January 4.

Ms McCarthy stated that the new generator was fine, no breakthrough, so she doesn't understand why there would be blue chucks from their facility that have rad level readings (Rb 82 has a very short half-life [75 seconds]). She stated that she only uses blue chucks to cover the floor when she changes the old generator out of the generator cart; that she places the chucks on the floor under the area between the cart and the packing box but does not typically have to place the generator on the blue chucks, just moves it directly into the package; she does not recall setting the old generator down on the chucks this most recent time. She changed out the old generator for the new one on Monday 12/21 and did use the new Rb generator, and the QC was fine, no breakthrough. They treated patients Monday and Tuesday 12/21-22. She said that the generator, in its shielded cart, typically reads 0.03 mr/h; she does not know what it reads outside of the cart but knows that it is higher than when shielded. She said that she did surveys of the area and did not find anything above background on Monday or Tuesday after work was completed. She also stated that the only RAM they have is the Rb generator and some Co57 flood sources. At my request, she called me back to let me know that she had the office manager (Paula, the only one working this week) check the Hot Lab and Paula verified that the old generator is present and the new generator is in the cart.

When I asked if anyone else in the building used radioactive materials, Ms. McCarthy stated that the neighboring facility was a cardiology clinic, that had a shared doorway. The cardiology clinic physicians provided supervision for the HealthCenter Imaging facilities when they did the stress tests associated with the Rb imaging, and used that door. According to her, that facility uses only Tc99m and thallium. She does not know if they have shared janitorial or waste services.

When she called me back, she also provided me with the telephone contact numbers for Johna Brag: [REDACTED] at home and [REDACTED] cell.

NOTE: A check of ADAMS identified that Cardiac Specialists PC, LN 06-20862-01 has a location of use at 999 Silver Lane in Trumbull, CT & a Google search identified them at Suite 1A (next door to HealthCenter Imaging in Suite 1B).

Action Required: telecon to file. Check with Brag and/or state regarding generator vs. bag of chucks.

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