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MLER-8 8-150



**Squibb  
Technical Operations**

September 16, 1988

Dr. Laurence F. Friedman  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
475 Allendale Road  
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Subject: Recovered Shipment of Nuclear Medicine

Dr. Friedman:

This letter is to inform you that the lost shipment of nuclear medicine reported to the NRC on 9/9/88 by Mr. D. Balkunow has been found.

A detailed report explaining what occurred is attached. Should you require additional information or have any questions, please contact me at 201-519-3721.

Sincerely,

Larry Gaines  
Health Physics Department  
E. R. Squibb & Sons

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Attachment:

Information in this record was deleted in  
accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.  
Exemptions 6  
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## Package Description & Relevant Information

- I. Shipper - Standard 6 inch, Type A package with E. R. Squibb & Sons logo and foam platform.
- II. Lead Container - one, 1/8 inch size lead container.
- III. Vial - one plastic bottle containing one each blue and buff capsule.
- IV. Label and Shipper:
1. Squibb packaging list #33188
  2. Customer P. O. # 12905
  3. Date of shipment - 8/15/88
  4. Assay of capsule - 14.5 mCi/cap @ 8/4/88
  5. Control # 72RU030
  6. Chemical form - Iodotope Therapeutic capsule  
Sodium Iodine, Carbowax
- V. Package was addressed to:

Medical Center Hospital  
415 N. Allegheny  
Odessa, TX 79761

The above information was verified by Squibb during an inspection of the returned shipper and it's contents.

- VI. Carrier - Federal Express
- VII. Date Package found - 9/14/88
- VIII. Package found by:

Ford Truck Dealership Center  
100 Minue Street  
Cartaret, NJ

- IX. Reason for misdelivery: Squibb's six inch shipper was mistakenly packaged, by airport personnel, into a larger shipper which contained damaged truck parts. This package was then forwarded to the Ford Dealership in Cartaret, NJ.
- X. Date package delivered to Cartaret - 9/6/88
- XI. Location of shipper while at the Ford Dealership: From 9/6/88 to 9/14/88, the shipper remained in a storage trailer which was located at the rear of the facility.

XII. Length of time personnel at Ford facility may have been exposed. Approximately 1/2 of an hour. Shipper was brought into the bay of the dealership by Ford personnel. Upon opening the shipper, employee noticed radioactive labels and informed his management. Package was placed three feet or greater from employees. Federal Express and Squibb were notified. Package was returned (undamaged) on 9/14/88 @ 5:00 p.m. to Squibb's New Brunswick facility.

XIII. Personnel Exposure - Insignificant

(b)(6) of the Ford Dealership Center provided me with the information described in items VIII through XII.

REGION I  
NRS LICENSEE EVENT REPORT

License No. 29-00139-02

Docket No. 030-05222

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I. ACTION CONTROL DATA

Licensee SQUIBB TECHNICAL OPERATIONS

Event Description MISSING I-131 package

Event Date 8-15-88

Report Date 9-9-88

II. REPORTING REQUIREMENT

- 10 CFR 20.402 - theft or loss
- 10 CFR 20.403(a)(b) overexposure/release
- 10 CFR 20.405 - 30 day report
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 CFR 35.33 Therapeutic Misadministration
- 10 CFR 35.33 Diagnostic Misadministration
- License Condition

III. REGION I RESPONSE

- Immediate Site Inspection Inspector \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Special Inspection Inspector \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Telephone Inquiry Inspector \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Licensee Representative and Title \_\_\_\_\_

- PM
- Daily Report
- Information entered - Region I log and Outstanding Items List
- Review at next routine inspection

REPORT EVALUATION

- Description of Event
- Levels of R/M involved
- Cause of Event
- Corrective Actions
- Calculation Adequate
- Letter to Licensee requesting additional information

Completed by: E. J. [Signature]

Date 10/6/88

Reviewed by: [Signature]

Date 10/23/88

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR COMMENTS

Package found 9-14-88. Reported 9-16-88 (letter attached)  
NRC III.