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Mr. Welling,

I am writing in response to Mr. Scott Wilson's email dated December 31, 2013.

As previously reported by the State of Connecticut DEEP, the New Haven Health Department lost an [REDACTED] device due to theft on December 16, 2013. This device contains [REDACTED] microcuries of [REDACTED]. The device was stored within the backseat area of a city vehicle, against departmental policy, at the time of the theft. Multiple agencies were contacted regarding the theft and observant police officers from the New Haven Police Department recovered the device on Friday, December 20, 2013. The device was found intact and undamaged, although, being found submerged in a shallow river. The police dusted the case and the device for fingerprints and checked for any DNA evidence and will contact us regarding any leads. The device, although not fully functional, does turn on and is currently at Protech Instruments for evaluation. No exposures of individuals to radiation from this device are expected as the unit appears to not have been tampered with. Handling procedures regarding these devices have once again been reinforced to ensure against a recurrence.

If any additional information is required of me please let me know.

Sincerely,

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cc: Scott Wilson, U.S. NRC

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