

CONVERSATION RECORD

TIME | DATE

12/1/14

F VISIT F CONFERENCE

X TELEPHONE

0 INCOMING

X OUTGOING

NAME OF PERSON(S) CONTACTED OR IN CONTACT

ORGANIZATION (OFFICE, DEPT. ETC.)

TELEPHONE NO.

Jess Rolsten, Operations Manager

Hydro Lake Inc.

800-678-1319

SUBJECT

Notification of a Fire Event

SUMMARY

During off-duty hours on 11/28/14, a fire occurred involving a building at Hydro Lake, Inc.'s facility at 6151 Gerwoude, McBain, Michigan. The Fire Department responded to the scene at about 6:30am. The building that caught fire included a general-licensed Asoma Model 200, Serial 4649 device that contained 13 millicuries of curium-244 and it was used to assess chemicals in wood for manufacturing wooden poles. The licensee stated that there was no other radioactive material at the site.

When the licensee arrived at 7:30am the area where the device was had structural damage and it was unsafe to enter the area; therefore, the licensee informed its staff that they should not enter the damaged area, and the licensee locked the facility gates to prevent access to that area during off-duty hours. The licensee informed the firemen about the device, but the firemen did not go near it due to the structural damage hazard.

The licensee stated that it tried to notify the NRC about the event on 11/28/14, but was unable to do so. On 12/1/14, the licensee notified the NRC Operations Center about the event and called the inspector for assistance on how to recover the device.

The inspector informed the licensee that safe assessment, recovery, and disposal of the device must be conducted by persons authorized to do the work by an NRC or Agreement State license. The inspector provided options for identifying authorized persons to do the work, including contacting The Health Physics Society and/or the CRCPD. In addition, Mr. Gattone informed the licensee about the reporting requirements in 10 CFR 30.50 and 31.5.

ACTION REQUIRED

Briefed the MIB Chief

NAME OF PERSON DOCUMENTING CONVERSATION

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Bob Gattone

*Robert B. Gattone, Jr.*

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