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Subject:

UPDATE to 1/15/2015 Response to Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)
October 7-9 2014 Inspection Exit Interview for Broad Scope Type A License 25-
00326-06

Dear Mr. Torres,

We would like to update our communication on 1/15/2015 in regards to a missing Ni-63 source with a serial number of U4156. The letter dated 1/15/2015 communication was to inform the NRC that our search for this source had been suspended. On March 20th, 2018 the source was located after the RSO was called to look at an item labeled as containing radioactive material. The following picture was taken of the source serial number:



There is another communication from MSU prior to my appointment as RSO here at MSU that I believe is relevant to this update. In August, 2014 Curtis Hofer communicated with the NRC operations center in regard to a missing Ni-63 sealed source with a serial number of A1059. This source was located on December 19th, 2014 after his removal as RSO. This source was removed from MSU through the Source Consolidation And Threat Reduction Program (SCATR) on July 1st, 2015. The original NRC operations event report #50339 for this missing source (A1059) has been updated with this information at this time.

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In summary, all sealed sources of interest in the communications prior to my appointment and while being the RSO in January, 2015 have been accounted for at this time.

Please contact me directly with any questions regarding this update.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nicholas Childs".

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