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12 Browning-Ferris Industries Medical
13 Waste Systems
14 1901 Pine Avenue, Southeast
15 Warren, Ohio
16 Monday, December 7, 1992
17

18 The above-entitled matter commenced at 10:30
19 o'clock a.m., when were present:

20 RON LLOYD, Investigator
21 CYNTHIA G. JONES, Section Chief, IMNS
22 Nuclear Regulatory Commission

23 Also Present:

24 Charlie Edelman, BFI
25

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P R O C E E D I N G S

[2:52 p.m.]

MS. JONES: We are at BFI in Warren, Ohio. It is 2:52 on December 7th.

We are going to be speaking with Dave Shepler, who is the manager at the Ohio BFI facility. His phone number is (216) 393-0385.

I will speak with Edelman when he gets back?

THE INTERVIEWEE: Charlie Edelman, correct.

MS. JONES: As best as you can remember, what happened when the truck pulled into the facility, or whenever you found out it had set off the alarm?

THE INTERVIEWEE: The truck came in, drove around. He unhooked the trailer on our back lot where we park the full trailers, came in, got his paperwork, and took off. He was gone.

MS. JONES: Right.

THE INTERVIEWEE: All of a sudden, the geiger counters in the plant, which are this here, it is a Model A 19R meter.

MS. JONES: And that is a Ludlum?

THE INTERVIEWEE: Ludlum, right. It started going off. We have one at the unloading dock, and one at the incinerator, and both of them went off.

MS. JONES: Are they are left on the whole time?

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1 THE INTERVIEWEE: They are left on the whole time.
2 We check all the waste when it comes in and before it goes
3 in the incinerator. So we assumed we had a hot box on the
4 dock that maybe came off of one of the trucks.

5 Looking around, we tried to isolate things, and we
6 realized when we walked outside with it, it was still going
7 off. So as we started heading towards the back property
8 that is when it pegged it. It started, I mean -- it went
9 straight -- it goes up to 500 micro R and it pegged it.

10 So then we realized that the Pittsburgh trailer
11 had just dropped a box, so we kind of walked from different
12 angles at the box, and realized that it definitely was in
13 that area.

14 So two of our people, Charlie and Lloyd, our
15 maintenance manager, went to the furthest corner over there,
16 and we brought the trailer around by itself, and as soon as
17 it hit on this corner of the building, it pegged these. We
18 went to an area where the alarm would turn off, or just
19 about turn off, and as soon as we rounded the corner it
20 pegged it, so we knew it was that trailer.

21 That was about 40 minutes later.

22 MS. JONES: And what time was this?

23 THE INTERVIEWEE: It came in about 9:15. About
24 9:45 we realized it was the Pittsburgh trailer. Charlie
25 immediately called Pittsburgh and notified them, and at

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1 10:00 I also called Phil Wills, the Pittsburgh manager, to
2 let him know that he needed to send his driver back and send
3 it back because we were rejecting the load.

4 He said as soon as the driver got there, he would
5 turn him around and come back. The driver got back here
6 about 2:15-2:30 that same day, and they hooked up and took
7 it back.

8 MS. JONES: Did you or anyone else tell the driver
9 when he came here that the truck or what was in the truck
10 was radioactive, or he just knew to pick it up?

11 THE INTERVIEWEE: Well, I don't know. I guess we
12 would have to ask Charlie. I am sure we probably did.

13 MS. JONES: We can ask him.

14 THE INTERVIEWEE: We will have to ask Charlie.

15 MS. JONES: Can we just bring one thing up that we
16 were able to get from BFI, which is, I think, all your
17 drivers are required to sign up on a sheet as to where they
18 are and so forth. We did talk with James Goodwell who is
19 the driver just from Carnegie here.

20 There were two shipments. One was actually at
21 4:00 a.m., and then another one at 8:30, and he said that on
22 the basis of this that he would have left it here in the
23 middle of the night almost, at four o'clock in the morning.

24 THE INTERVIEWEE: This is when he brought a
25 trailer here?

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1 MS. JONES: He said this one, because he thought
2 it was Trailer 808.

3 MR. LLOYD: 808 was the trailer he said it was in.

4 MS. JONES: So can you tell me from here which
5 trailer would be 808?

6 We are just trying to get an idea of whether it
7 was here at four or if it was here at 8:30.

8 THE INTERVIEWEE: This is four in the morning?

9 MS. JONES: Yes. He leaves at midnight.

10 THE INTERVIEWEE: Yes. I know it wasn't here at
11 four in the morning because we didn't have a problem at four
12 in the morning. Do you have any way I can tell what trailer
13 it was in?

14 MS. JONES: He though that it was this one.

15 THE INTERVIEWEE: No.

16 MS. JONES: Which is the one arriving at four, and
17 then he left 15 minutes later.

18 THE INTERVIEWEE: It would have to be this one.

19 MR. LLOYD: That would correspond with your time
20 zone here.

21 THE INTERVIEWEE: Yes. That is the only thing
22 that comes in about that time, because it was about 9:15 or
23 9:00, or somewhere in that area, and 8:45 looks like when he
24 left. It would have to be this one.

25 MS. JONES: This one here, is there any way to

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1 check your records, if there were two trucks here on that
2 day, if you would have received two trucks that day from
3 Carnegie?

4 THE INTERVIEWEE: Yes, I can do that.

5 MS. JONES: I think if we do that, then we know it
6 is, and it was just the second trip, so that we know how
7 much time it stayed at the Pennsylvania site.

8 THE INTERVIEWEE: Okay.

9 MS. JONES: We can check that later.

10 THE INTERVIEWEE: Yes, I can check with my
11 dispatcher.

12 MS. JONES: It is hard to remember, and if you
13 have two the same place on the same day --

14 THE INTERVIEWEE: The dispatcher would know if
15 they brought in a trailer. I am sure they did if he has it
16 down here, but I am sure it is this trailer right here.

17 MS. JONES: Okay.

18 And then here is a copy of a manifest that
19 actually -- this was the one that the nursing home had for
20 this particular shipment.

21 Are you familiar at all with these manifest forms?

22 THE INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

23 MS. JONES: I guess the question is, who normally
24 fills them out. This person is the nursing home person, we
25 do know that.

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1 THE INTERVIEWEE: Correct. This is the BFI
2 driver.

3 MS. JONES: Okay.

4 THE INTERVIEWEE: He would fill this out.

5 MS. JONES: And it says up here, three containers,
6 but down here it only lists two, and according to their
7 facility, there were three boxes.

8 MR. LLOYD: The other log showed that he picked up
9 three boxes.

10 THE INTERVIEWEE: Yes, because that would
11 correspond with these numbers here.

12 MR. EDELMAN: I am back.

13 MS. JONES: Charlie, Cindy Jones. Nice to meet
14 you.

15 MR. EDELMAN: How are you doing?

16 MR. LLOYD: Charlie, Ron Lloyd.

17 MR. EDELMAN: How are you doing?

18 MR. LLOYD: Okay.

19 MS. JONES: We just have a recorder on so that we
20 can remember everything, times and places, and stuff.

21 MR. EDELMAN: Okay.

22 MS. JONES: We are trying to figure out --

23 THE INTERVIEWEE: Charlie, they were asking me
24 about the manifest here.

25 MR. EDELMAN: Okay.

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1 THE INTERVIEWEE: To me, this is saying they have
2 three large boxes.

3 MR. EDELMAN: Three large boxes.

4 THE INTERVIEWEE: Down here they are saying they
5 have two. They have three total.

6 MR. EDELMAN: Three total.

7 MS. JONES: Three total?

8 THE INTERVIEWEE: Right.

9 MR. EDELMAN: Pittsburgh is kind of unique, how
10 they do things. The way two boxes are together, up here
11 they will put two, and they will put the next box down, they
12 will put three, and that would be the fourth box, four, and
13 then five, and then skip and go to seven. They don't go,
14 one, two, three, like we do.

15 THE INTERVIEWEE: So that is three boxes?

16 MR. EDELMAN: That is three boxes instead of five.
17 I kind of misinterpreted it the first time I saw their
18 manifest also.

19 MS. JONES: So on this first one where they say
20 two containers, they both weigh 52 pounds?

21 MR. EDELMAN: Between the two of them.

22 THE INTERVIEWEE: Between the two of them.

23 MS. JONES: And then, if it would have been a
24 normal shipment, how would the nursing home get this piece
25 of paper back?

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1 MR. EDELMAN: Once it is processed, what we do
2 is --

3 MS. JONES: Here?

4 THE INTERVIEWEE: Yes.

5 MR. EDELMAN: Once it is processed here, I sign
6 off on it as being processed. I have the original copy and
7 send it back to Pittsburgh, Carnegie, and Carnegie then
8 mails it on to their customer which would be the nursing
9 home.

10 MS. JONES: So the reason they would never have
11 received one back is because you never accepted it here?

12 MR. EDELMAN: We never accepted nor processed it,
13 so that is why wouldn't receive anything from us.

14 MS. JONES: And since you have the radiation
15 monitors in the facility, do you get very many packages that
16 contain radioactive materials?

17 MR. EDELMAN: No, not a lot.

18 MS. JONES: One a year or two?

19 THE INTERVIEWEE: What did we have in '92?

20 MR. EDELMAN: In '92, just up until December the
21 2nd, we only had nine reportable boxes, which goes above the
22 50 millirems limit.

23 MS. JONES: So you have a 50 millirem limit here?

24 THE INTERVIEWEE: The 50 millirem limit is the
25 reportable limit for the EPA. We have a limit here of 20 --

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1 not millirems. I am sorry.

2 THE INTERVIEWEE: Microrems.

3 MR. EDELMAN: We have a 20 --

4 THE INTERVIEWEE: Fifty microrems.

5 MR. EDELMAN: Yes. We have a limit ourselves that
6 we can't process anything that is above 20 microrems, and
7 between 20 microrems and 50 microrems, we can hold it until
8 the half-life is gone, and then process it once it drops to
9 20 microrems and below.

10 But what we have done is to keep from all the
11 reporting and everything else, we have these set at 20
12 microrems, and when our guys go out on the road, when it is
13 above 20 microrems, a little buzzer and the red light will
14 go off, and it stays. We don't bring it in.

15 The only time we normally get anything that is
16 above the 20 microrem level is if it comes in from
17 Pittsburgh, Dubose, or somebody else bringing them in to us,
18 and then normally the second we catch it, that is the same
19 time it goes back.

20 MS. JONES: So do you have procedures, or written
21 procedures for what to do in the case that a radioactive
22 package comes in?

23 THE INTERVIEWEE: Yes, we do.

24 MS. JONES: Is it possible to get a copy of that?

25 THE INTERVIEWEE: Sure.

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1 MR. EDELMAN: Yes, I can get a copy of that,
2 absolutely.

3 MS. JONES: That would be great.

4 And is there a -- you mentioned there is an EPA
5 reporting requirement if it goes above that?

6 MR. EDELMAN: Yes. If it goes above that, it is
7 an EPA reporting requirement.

8 MS. JONES: If you have something that would refer
9 to that, I don't know if that has to do with your permit
10 with EPA?

11 THE INTERVIEWEE: No.

12 MS. JONES: You just agreed?

13 THE INTERVIEWEE: We just agreed to do that.

14 MR. EDELMAN: This is all after the fact, and we
15 have just agreed to do that, that is all. That is not any
16 kind of written law, or anything. It is just something we
17 agreed to do.

18 MS. JONES: Good practices?

19 MR. EDELMAN: Yes.

20 MS. JONES: So if it got here on the later date,
21 then that coincides with -- I believe that you probably
22 talked with, Dave, Jenny Johansen in Region I?

23 THE INTERVIEWEE: Yes, I did.

24 MS. JONES: Because, I believe it was on the 1st
25 or 2nd of December, she called BFI at both facilities to let

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1 you know that there was going to be an information notice or
2 press release going out?

3 THE INTERVIEWEE: Right.

4 MS. JONES: So you called them, and then what
5 happened, where was the trailer during that period of time?

6 MR. EDELMAN: Out in the back yard. I can take
7 you out and show you in a bit.

8 MS. JONES: Yes, we can go take a look.

9 And it was -- do you have a diagram or a picture,
10 the blueprint of the facilities so that we can use it later
11 to just point and say it was here for a period of time?

12 THE INTERVIEWEE: I guess we could draw one real
13 quick.

14 MR. EDELMAN: That I don't know.

15 MS. JONES: Do you have a photograph of the
16 facility from the air or something?

17 MR. EDELMAN: No.

18 MS. JONES: The other facility did, and we took a
19 picture of that.

20 THE INTERVIEWEE: I don't.

21 MR. EDELMAN: We don't have anything else. I have
22 a --

23 MS. JONES: We could take a picture of that.

24 MR. EDELMAN: I have a blueprint. I have
25 something downsized. I don't know if it shows that area.

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1 MS. JONES: Okay.

2 MR. EDELMAN: I said, "Okay." So what we did was,
3 I came and I got the Geiger counter, like that one right
4 there, and we just started walking the area, trying to scan
5 to find out what the problem was, and we scanned out this
6 area.

7 MS. JONES: Which is, like the back lot?

8 MR. EDELMAN: That is the back lot, back over that
9 way. I started scanning this area.

10 MR. LLOYD: Which counter actually went off?

11 MR. EDELMAN: There is one located on the
12 incinerator, and one located on the dock, and both of them
13 went off.

14 MS. JONES: So that is on the South side of the
15 building?

16 MR. EDELMAN: That is inside the building.

17 MS. JONES: They are in the inside?

18 MR. EDELMAN: Yes, they are inside the building,
19 and it set them off inside the building, not at a high
20 level, but somewhere between 40 and 50 microrems. It was
21 reading inside the plant area.

22 Up front, what is basically a glass front and not
23 a metal front, I was getting readings of between 50 and 60
24 microrems, and that was inside the plant, so we just kind of
25 scanned the area, and the limits over in this area here by

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1 the road was between 40 and 50 microrems. The more you got
2 around the building, the higher it got.

3 Coming out of the office, which is right in here,
4 we are sitting right here in this section right here, I come
5 out this door right here, and as soon as I come out the
6 door, I was getting a reading of approximately 150 microrems
7 at that point.

8 By the time I got the roadway, I was above 200,
9 and before I could get even close to here, probably in this
10 area right in here, it was already headed out at 500
11 microrems.

12 MS. JONES: And this area you could say is
13 immediately right outside the building on the North side?

14 MR. EDELMAN: Pretty close, yes. It is actually
15 the -- what is that -- it is the North side, yes.

16 The trailer was sitting approximately right in
17 here to start with, and we scanned this area and we couldn't
18 get any higher readings than what that thing would go, and
19 we have a gate across the back of the property back here,
20 and we opened it and went beyond. I was walking down the
21 railroad tracks, and back in all the open area back there,
22 and the farther I got away, the less it came. So I came
23 back, and the closer I got, the higher it went, so I scanned
24 this area down through here, and the farther I moved away
25 from here, the lower the reading I got.

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1 That is when I talked with Dave, and he says, "We
2 didn't have a problem until Pittsburgh came in." He said,
3 "It never really crossed my mind that this would ever happen
4 because we have never experienced anything like this in our
5 entire lives, anything putting a Geiger counter up this far
6 away."

7 I said, "Yes." He said, "Maybe somebody came
8 down, a train, and it was leaking plutonium, or something."
9 I don't know, you know, because trains go by all the time.
10 So all we did was, we decided how we were going to isolate
11 it, so what we did was, right at this curve here, there is a
12 light pole right here at this curve, this is the employee
13 parking lot.

14 MS. JONES: This is the Southwestern corner.

15 MR. EDELMAN: Yes.

16 So what I did, we went out there with two Geiger
17 counters. I got on one side of the road, and Lloyd Boden,
18 our maintenance manager, got on the other side, and we had
19 our Geiger counters on this, and I asked Lloyd what his
20 readings was, and he said he was between 40 and 50
21 microrems, and I said that was the same thing I had.

22 In the meantime, we told Dave Thompson to hook the
23 trailer up and come our way, and we would see how close he
24 could get to us before the Geiger counters would go off.

25 MR. LLOYD: How many trailers were parked over

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1 there?

2 MR. EDELMAN: Approximately six or seven.

3 MR. LLOYD: Were they all in a row adjacent to
4 each other?

5 MR. EDELMAN: Yes, pretty much. We had, I think,
6 five this way, and I think we had one parked over this way,
7 and we had some empties sitting back here. There was like
8 five full ones over here, an empty one here, and maybe six
9 empties on the back row.

10 MS. JONES: So the trailers parked East and West?

11 MR. EDELMAN: The trailers are parked this way.

12 MS. JONES: North and South, okay.

13 MR. EDELMAN: On the concrete pad, our full
14 trailers.

15 MS. JONES: Okay.

16 MR. EDELMAN: Anything off of the concrete pad are
17 empty trailers, but as long as they are full we have to
18 stage them.

19 MS. JONES: They are on the concrete.

20 MR. EDELMAN: He started coming around the
21 building, he hooked up, and he came down the side of the
22 building, and the guys in the plant told us after we came
23 back inside that they kind of knew he was coming by because
24 their Geiger counters pegged out, just all of a sudden they
25 just went all the way pegged out.

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1 As soon as he reached the corner of this building,
2 and we are standing down there, as soon as he reached the
3 corner of the building it pegged our Geiger counters at 500
4 microrems, at this distance here.

5 MS. JONES: That is about how far would you say?

6 MR. EDELMAN: The distance to here, what would
7 that be?

8 MS. JONES: You mean 400 feet, 300?

9 MR. EDELMAN: It would be 300 or more, and it just
10 pegged them just right then and there. We knew that was the
11 trailer with the problem.

12 We never unlocked it. We never opened it up
13 because with that kind of reading there is no way in the
14 world we would have ever found it without individually
15 walking a box one at a time from this point over to this
16 point to try to find out what it was.

17 So what we did is, we brought it around and we
18 staged it over on this side about as far away from the other
19 trailers and everything else we could get it, and that is
20 where we parked it, and we called Pittsburgh and told them
21 to come and get it. We weren't going to fool with it. It
22 stayed there in that area locked until Pittsburgh came and
23 picked it up, and they picked it up approximately between
24 2:30 and 3:00.

25 MR. LLOYD: I missed where you actually parked it

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1 when you were done?

2 MR. EDELMAN: We actually parked it right over in
3 this area.

4 MR. LLOYD: Is that just -- is there a parking
5 space over there, is it just out in the dirt?

6 MR. EDELMAN: That is dirt. That is back where
7 the empty ones are. That is a gravel base, and we just
8 parked it there to keep it isolated away from these
9 trailers, and basically everybody else, and we could keep it
10 isolated and away from them until they could get back to
11 pick it up.

12 MS. JONES: And that was the right thing to do.

13 THE INTERVIEWEE: Plus it was the only place it
14 would stop setting off our --

15 MS. JONES: The alarms.

16 MR. EDELMAN: The alarms would be that way.

17 THE INTERVIEWEE: Yes, and they would continue to
18 work.

19 MR. EDELMAN: We kind of put it over there to stop
20 setting our alarms off, or we would have had to shutdown.

21 MS. JONES: Great.

22 The checklist incoming says he was here at 8:15
23 a.m.

24 THE INTERVIEWEE: That doesn't agree with this
25 then. He says 8:30.

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1 MR. EDELMAN: That's pretty close.

2 MS. JONES: The trailer number, 8408.

3 So if you had the one at four o'clock, it wouldn't
4 say this trailer number, it would have another number?

5 THE INTERVIEWEE: It would have another number.

6 MR. EDELMAN: It would have had a different
7 number.

8 THE INTERVIEWEE: Do you want me to get that one
9 for you?

10 MS. JONES: Yes, if you could.

11 THE INTERVIEWEE: Okay.

12 MS. JONES: That's great.

13 MR. EDELMAN: They told me it was even closer to
14 nine o'clock when he was here. I think I got here like
15 quarter after nine, that is when I got here, quarter after
16 or twenty after nine, and they had called my house, and my
17 wife had told them that I was on my way down here.

18 When I got here, that is when they came out and
19 met me, and that took us -- walking the area, the inside and
20 outside, without having any idea it was in the trailer, that
21 took us approximately 45 minutes. That took a good 45
22 minute to pinpoint the problem after I got here, before we
23 knew that trailer was the problem, because, like I said, we
24 were checking out everything.

25 I know the trains go back here all the time, and

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1 they carry stuff for the arsenals that are around here, and
2 stuff, so we figured, hey, you don't know what is on a
3 train. Something could be leaking out of a train, and maybe
4 it is just something that had leaked out there, and all of a
5 sudden it came on our property.

6 But the more we walked it, and the farther we got
7 away from it, the only logical place was, it is us, and not
8 somebody else.

9 MR. LLOYD: When was the first time that the alarm
10 went off, did that get recorded someplace?

11 MR. EDELMAN: No, I don't think the guys wrote it
12 down. They wouldn't write the time. They usually don't
13 write the time down anyway, just the day and the customer,
14 and the box. Like I said, we have never had this happen
15 before. Usually, they catch it out there right on the dock,
16 a few feet away from the Geiger counter, and then they
17 record the box, and the customer, and the reading, if they
18 catch one.

19 MS. JONES: If there was a shipment in which only
20 one box was radioactive, would you send the whole shipment
21 back, or would you just send the one box?

22 MR. EDELMAN: Just the one box because we scan
23 every box.

24 MS. JONES: You do?

25 MR. EDELMAN: Yes, we scan every box individually,

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1 so only the one that is actually radiating is the one that
2 we will send back because every box is scanned, and as long
3 as they are within the limits, then we will dispose of them,
4 and the one that has a higher limit we get rid of.

5 MS. JONES: We know it is 808, so it is not this
6 one.

7 THE INTERVIEWEE: Right, it was 808.

8 MR. EDELMAN: See, he has a 3:30 check-in time,
9 and four o'clock there.

10 MS. JONES: So what are your procedures or your
11 responsibilities, do you have to make sure that everyone
12 here surveys packages then?

13 MR. EDELMAN: They do. That is part of the
14 supervisors' responsibilities, and they are so located, the
15 Geiger counters are, we have one located at the scale on the
16 dock, and that is to check for radiation for anything before
17 they go into the autoclave, and then there is one at the
18 incinerator right before the scale, and that is to scan it
19 before it goes into the incinerator. So either way they go,
20 because it is conceivably possible to bring it off of the
21 truck and stage it for the incinerator, and you don't catch
22 it by the Geiger counter up here, but it will be stopped
23 when it gets up to the top of the conveyer system up there
24 before it gets to the incinerator. It will be stopped
25 because that is sitting about a foot-and-a-half away from

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1 the boxes at that point.

2 MS. JONES: And is it just left on

3 THE INTERVIEWEE: It is left on.

4 MS. JONES: Do they have to hand hold it?

5 MR. EDELMAN: No, it is left on, and this comes
6 around, so it would read. It is left on the whole time, and
7 each shift checks it for the batteries, how good the
8 batteries are, and if it starts to get a little bit weak,
9 then they will replace the batteries.

10 THE INTERVIEWEE: The one on the dock plugs in,
11 and we have one for this to plug in, but the adaptor is bad,
12 so we have a battery operated one up there right now.

13 MR. LLOYD: You are hot.

14 MS. JONES: What is our reading for today?

15 THE INTERVIEWEE: Don't say that.

16 MS. JONES: Is there a written procedure for
17 making sure that people know what you have to do when a
18 radiation alarm goes off?

19 THE INTERVIEWEE: I will see if I can find it.

20 MS. JONES: I think that is about it, if we can
21 get an idea of where your monitors are on the inside?

22 MR. LLOYD: Yes, if we could walk through, and the
23 one that you said is next to the conveyor. We have a guy
24 here that has a camera, and we are going to take a bunch of
25 pictures, if that is okay.

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1 MR. EDELMAN: Yes, I was wondering who he was.

2 MR. LLOYD: We will try and figure out where the
3 trailer was parked.

4 MS. JONES: We need a picture of a straight truck.
5 The other facility didn't have any.

6 MR. EDELMAN: We have plenty of them. They aren't
7 necessarily always here.

8 MS. JONES: We asked the other facility about
9 their requirements for drivers having instruments, what are
10 they?

11 MR. EDELMAN: What are their requirement?

12 MS. JONES: Do they have to have one?

13 MR. EDELMAN: I don't know if the State of
14 Pennsylvania requires them to have one or not. That I
15 couldn't tell you. We stress to them that we think it is a
16 great idea for them to have it because it is just going to
17 save a lot of problems down the road because if we catch it,
18 it is coming back, so why keep hauling it back and forth,
19 and causing waves, when if they carry Geiger counters they
20 would catch it, and it could stop right there, and they
21 could leave it right at the generator, and not bring it at
22 all.

23 MS. JONES: We were talking about if there is a
24 policy for drivers to have survey instruments, Geiger
25 counters.

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1 MR. LLOYD: The BFI policy.

2 MS. JONES: And we were wondering if there is one
3 for either the straight truck or the semis or both?

4 MR. EDELMAN: They are required here, at this
5 facility. At this one they are.

6 MS. JONES: So your drivers, if they left, they
7 would have to have one?

8 MR. EDELMAN: Yes.

9 THE INTERVIEWEE: They have to have one on the
10 truck, right.

11 MR. EDELMAN: Because every driver -- we bought a
12 Geiger counter for every driver. The Geiger counter is not
13 assigned to a truck, it is assigned to a driver. So each
14 driver has their own Geiger counter, and they are
15 responsible for it, and they take it in and out of the
16 trucks, and lock it up in their lockers, because they cost
17 so much money that we make them responsible so that, of
18 course, they don't lose it, or whatever. But every one of
19 our drivers do. That is a requirement.

20 MS. JONES: What kind of drivers are from here?

21 Would that include the ones from Carnegie,
22 Pennsylvania, or no?

23 THE INTERVIEWEE: No. We operate --

24 MR. EDELMAN: Do you have a copy of the Radiation
25 Policy Manual?

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1 THE INTERVIEWEE: Yes, that is it.

2 We operate 13 routes out of this facility,
3 straight truck routes, and then also tractor-trailer routes
4 but, for instance, the stuff from Carnegie was from the BFI
5 district in Carnegie, those drivers are handled out of that
6 facility, they are not handled under the facility here which
7 I manage.

8 MR. EDELMAN: It is completely different.

9 THE INTERVIEWEE: It is completely different. So
10 this is our policy for BFI Medical Waste at this location
11 here.

12 MS. JONES: So each BFI, correct me if I am wrong,
13 they are independently owned and operated, so they could
14 have different policies?

15 THE INTERVIEWEE: No, they are owned by Browning-
16 Ferris Industries, but they are managed independently. For
17 instance, I am the manager for this facility. Phil Wills
18 manages Carnegie.

19 MR. EDELMAN: They are usually managed in set
20 policies and procedures according to the State standards for
21 what goes on. They usually try to conform with the DER laws
22 in Pennsylvania, West Virginia would have done the same
23 thing, and here we conform to the EPA plus our local city
24 health department here.

25 MS. JONES: Did you ever, when you found this

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1 package was radioactive, did you ever think of calling the
2 State, or did you want to call the State?

3 THE INTERVIEWEE: We did call the State.

4 MR. EDELMAN: The State EPA, yes.

5 MR. LLOYD: Who did you call, Ohio?

6 MR. EDELMAN: Yes, Ohio EPA was informed, and a
7 followup letter was sent to Alison Shatner, she is in charge
8 of the management of the Infectious and Solid Waste Division
9 in Columbus.

10 MR. LLOYD: Can we get a copy of that?

11 MR. EDELMAN: Yes, I can get you a copy of that
12 letter, too.

13 MS. JONES: That's great. That is the first time
14 we have heard about that, that it was reported to any State
15 agency.

16 MR. EDELMAN: Yes.

17 THE INTERVIEWEE: We did report it.

18 MS. JONES: Good.

19 [Whereupon, at 3:30 p.m., the interview was
20 concluded.]

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