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To: [Nieves Folch, Luis](#)
Subject: [External_Sender] RE: NMED Item Number 190239, EN 54086
Date: Monday, April 06, 2020 12:46:53 PM

Mr. Nieves,

I am really sorry that I forgot to send you the source details. This event involved a 4mCi Co-60 sealed source, Nordion model number C-168; the source serial number is A039.

I spoke to the NRC Operations Center on April 1, 2020 at 1:00pm. The individual I spoke with said that he would discuss with the retraction with his supervisor to determine if it is appropriate in this circumstance; he said that I would be contacted if there were any change to the event status. He did not provide me a timeline for the retraction process but did state that the event was fully resolved in his system.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any more questions.

Thank you,

Monte

From: Nieves Folch, Luis <Luis.NievesFolch@nrc.gov>
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Hi Monte

I hope this email finds you and your family in a safe situation. I am reaching out to remind you we need the model and serial number of the source. Also I did not see a retraction of the event as you mention you would do. Let me know if guys need more time or if you are having any difficulties that are hindering your jobs due to the covid-19. Don't hesitate on contacting me.

Thanks

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From: [Nieves Folch, Luis](#)
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Subject: Acknowledgement of Receipt of Your Letter Providing 30 day Report of an Event, dated May 24, 2019,
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 10:13:00 AM

This message acknowledges receipt of your email dated March 26, 2020, 30 day report for a lost/found source reported on May 24, 2019, Item Number 190239, EN 54086. The NRC has reviewed your letter and has no further questions at this time. The incident will be examined during a future inspection.

In accordance with Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this message will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC's Public Document Room or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC's website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this correspondence.

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Date: 03-23-20

Re: Report for event number 54086, Source of radiation lost
by common carrier-NRC license number is 07-28386-01

To Whom it May Concern,

We contacted the NRC report line on Friday May 24,2019 at 1622 eastern daylight time to report that our shipment of a special form Co-60 source, 4mCi, had been lost by a common carrier.

Shortly after reporting the loss to the NRC, I contacted the consultant of the common carrier to see if he could help us locate the package. He immediately became involved in the search and reported later that night that they had located the package at their distribution facility in Memphis.

I promptly contacted the NRC to provide an update about the event; I informed the NRC that the package was found and would be shipped back to our possession as soon as we were able to submit paper work to redirect the shipment. The radioactive material was never out of the possession of the common carrier.

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The licensed material has been returned to Tracerco's possession. The source was never removed or manipulated except while in the type A container; no consequential exposure occurred beyond what is characteristic of normal transport conditions.

This event was reported in the instant we determined that the material had been lost by the common carrier. We have very little control of the material once it is in the possession of the common carrier. In the future, as mistakes occur while the material is in shipment, we will involve individuals within the common carrier's organization that have the knowledge and understanding to resolve the problem quickly. It is important that we communicate with individuals within the organization that understand the implications of lost class 7 material.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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