9B DTU Density Gauge — Shutter Failure

CHAIN OF EVENTS

- 1. On 04-07-20 a trained technician was in the process of performing the by annual inventory/shutter checks, when he reported that Ohmart Model #ED-6, Serial #65902, 100 mCi, Cs-137 gauge located on 9B DTU (Deslime Thickener U/Flow) in the Deslime basement had a frozen shutter mechanism, rendering the shutter non-operable.
- 2. On 04-07-20 A Work Order was entered (1930085) that 9B DTU Density Gauge Shutter was stuck. See attachment "A"
- 3. 04/07/20 RSO went to look at gauge.
- 4. 04/07/20 RSO instructed technicians to take spare gauge out of storage and replace.
- 5. 04/07/20 RSO was told by operations that they needed to keep the unit running and they could not shut the line down at this point in time.
- 6. 04/07/20 RSO wrote a memo to file indicating a course of action. The gauge won't be replaced till the first time the line goes down for repair. (Estimate May 1, 2020). If the line goes down prior to that, we will take the opportunity to get it changed out.

We have had events similar like this in the past, and had never had an exposure to any individuals. In the event of an emergency, the gauge will be removed and place on a piece of lead and brought to storage.

NRC Notified 04/08/20 at 11:25. EN# 54649 – (Donald Norwood)

