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June 9, 1988

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Marlene Taylor
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
475 Allendale Road
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Dear Ms. Taylor;

Pursuant to our telephone conversation on Tuesday, June 7, concerning the February 16, 1988 letter reporting the loss of seven (7) NRD Nuclecel Model P-2021 Air Line Ionizers (Serial #'s: 5630, 5639, 5642, 5643, 5644, 5647, 5650), I submit the following:

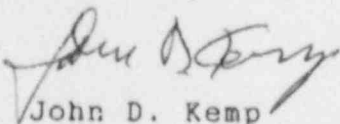
1. Three (3) of the devices were subsequently located. These devices (Serial #'s 5639, 5644, 5650) were returned to the lessor, Omega Specialty Instrument Co., of North Chelmsford, MA.

Of the remaining devices, one (1) is known to have been inadvertently disposed of as solid hazardous waste and three (3) are still unaccounted for. It is very likely these devices were also disposed of in the same manner.

2. Since this incident we have tightened control of these devices. Each device at the facility has been assigned an internal control number that identifies serial number, location, and date of installation. Only authorized personnel are allowed to remove or install these devices. Devices that are removed from service will be immediately returned to the lessor. Also, all personnel working in areas where these devices are installed have been re-trained as to proper use and handling.

Please feel free to call should you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,



John D. Kemp
Industrial Hygienist

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CONVERSATION RECORD

TIME

4:15 pm

DATE

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TYPE

☐ VISIT

☐ CONFERENCE

☒ TELEPHONE

☐ INCOMING

☐ OUTGOING

Location of Visit/Conference:

NAME OF PERSON(S) CONTACTED OR IN CONTACT WITH YOU

John Kemp
Les Boisenault

ORGANIZATION (Office, dept., bureau, etc.)

Digital Equip Corp

TELEPHONE NO.

617 - 841-3111 X 2001

SUBJECT

called for Les Boisenault re: missing NRD devices.

ROUTING

NAME/SYMBOL

INT

SUMMARY

Discussed with Mr Kemp the letter we received documenting the missing devices. Informed him that we would need another letter documenting what happened, the actions they took to find the devices, for those they could not find what they think happened to them and the corrective actions they are taking to prevent this from happening again. Mr Kemp stated that since then they have found 2 of the 7 and have determined that one was accidentally disposed of in a Hazardous Waste Drum & since disposed of. In regards to the 3 M devices, Mr Kemp stated that they have not had 3 M devices, at least not in the past year & a half. Asked him to check back records & see if 3 M devices were ever used and if there are any discrepancies. Mr Kemp will be filing a report

ACTION REQUIRED

NAME OF PERSON DOCUMENTING CONVERSATION

SIGNATURE

DATE

Marlene Taylor

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ACTION TAKEN

SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

CONVERSATION RECORD

TIME

10:30

DATE

6-7-88

TYPE

☐ VISIT

☐ CONFERENCE

☒ TELEPHONE

☒ INCOMING

☐ OUTGOING

Location of Visit/Conference:

NAME OF PERSON(S) CONTACTED OR IN CONTACT WITH YOU

Frederick Parker

ORGANIZATION (Office, dept., bureau, etc.)

Digital Equip. Corp

TELEPHONE NO.

617-841-

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SUBJECT

Notification of lost devices

ROUTING

NAME/SYMBOL

INT

SUMMARY

Informed Mr Parker that we would need a letter documenting the actions they took to find the sources, the situation surrounding the disappearances, and their corrective actions. Also informed Mr Parker that I talked to the inspector who was at his site (J. Belchat) and found out that there was also a problem with some 3M devices that they had. According to the inspector's records the licensee could have a total of 87 Po-210 devices but could only account for 73. The inspector instructed the licensee to check on the whereabouts of the other devices and notify the NRC. Informed Mr Parker that both of these issues should be addressed in the letter. Mr Parker stated that he would not be the one to handle this, that Mr. Leo Boisenault of the Environmental Health + Safety Dept would handle this. His extension is x2001

ACTION REQUIRED

- call Leo Boisenault to clarify.

NAME OF PERSON DOCUMENTING CONVERSATION

SIGNATURE

Therese J Taylor

DATE

6-7-88

ACTION TAKEN

SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE