

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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FORT MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

AMSEL-SF-RIR

20 January 1987

AMC6F/87-0010

SUBJECT: Loss of Radioactive Test Sample, MX-7338/PDR-27()

THRU:

Commander

U.S. Army Materiel Command

ATTN: AMCSF-P

5001 Eisenhower Avenue

Alexardria, Virginia 22333-0001

TO:

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Region I

631 Park Avenue

King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

- 1. Reference U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Byproduct Material License Number 29-01022-11.
- 2. Referenced license, issued to this command, authorizes the possession and use of the MX-7338/PDR-27() Test Samples by the Department of the Army. In accordance with Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.402, the following information regarding the loss of three each test samples is provided:
- a. On 30 December 1986, this command was apprised of the loss of three (3) each MX-7338/PDR-27() Radioactive Test Samples, each containing five millicuries of Krypton-85. The MX-7338/PDR-27() is a five inch wand-shaped check source used to check the functional operation of the AN/PDR-27() standard Army beta-gamma radiation detection instrument (radiac set). The AN/PDR-27() Radiac Set is comprised of a metal carrying case housing the radiation detection instrument, the MX-7338/PDR-27(), Radiactive Test Sample, spare Geiger-Mueller tubes and other ancillary components.
- b. The three MX-7338/PDR-27() samples were incorporated into three each AN/PDR-27() Radiac Sets assigned to Battery A, Battery B and Service Battery, 5th Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, Fort Tilden U.S. Army Reserve Center, Fort Tilden, NY. During the period 7-21 Ocotber 1986, while conducting a staff assistance visit, it was discovered that three MX-7338/PDR-27() Test Samples were not in their respective AN/PDR-27() carrying cases. Investigations and a physical search of the unit areas failed to locate the sources.
- c. Actions taken to prevent recurrences: Standard Operating Procedures for the check out and hand receipt of AN/PDR-27() Radiac Sets have changed to include a physical inventory of each AN/PDR-27() Radiac Set and associated contents prior to issue and inclusion of the serial number of the MX-7338/

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PDR-27() Test Sample on inventory records.

- 3. Point of contact, this command, is Mr. Joseph Furia, AV 995-4427.
- 4. CECOM Providing Soldiers the Decisive Edge.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



STEVEN A. HORNE Chief, Safety Office

CF: Cdr, FORSCOM, ATTN: AFPR-HRS

1. ACTION CONTROL DATA	
Licensee DEPARTMENT OF	THE DRMY - COMMUNICATIONS - EXECTAONICS C
Event Description Loss of all A	terton-85 Test Somes
Event Date 12-30-86	Report Date 1-20-87
II. REPORTING REQUIREMENT	
[4] 10 CFR 20.402 - theft or 109s	[] 10 CFR 35.42 Therapeutic Misadministration
[] 10 CFR 20.403(a)(b) overexposure/release	[] 10 CFR 35.43 Diagnostic Misadministration
[] 10 CFR 20.405 - 30 day report	[] License Condition
[] Other	
II. REGION I RESPONSE	
[] Immediate Site Inspection	InspectorDate
[] Special Inspection	InspectorDate
[] Telephone Inquiry	InspectorDate
Licensee Representative and Title	
[] PN [] Daily Report	
[Information entered - Region	I log and Outstanding Items List
[] Review at next routine inspec	ction
IV. REPORT EVALUATION	
[] Description of Event	[] Corrective Actions
[] Levels of R/M involved	[] Calculation Adequate
[] Cause of Event	[] Letter to Licensee requesting additional information
Completed by: R.H. Ladur	Date 3-12-87
Reviewed by:	Date 3/17/87
V. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR COMMENTS	

LICENSEE EVENT REPORT