

EVENT REPORT COVER PAGE

AGREEMENT STATE

EVENT REPORT NO. LA- 01-00

DATE: March 2, 2000

TO: Office of State Programs

**SUBJECT: CY1999 PERSONNEL EXPOSURE OF FOUR (4)
EMPLOYEES AT WELDING TESTING X-RAY**

STATE: LOUISIANA

**Signature and Title: Corey Meaux
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FAX COVER SHEET

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FAX INCLUDES THIS COVER SHEET AND THE FOLLOWING _____ PAGES.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS (if any):

Operator: _____



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EVENT REPORT

ABNORMAL OCCURRENCE YES NO FOLLOW-UP REPORT YES ORIGINAL ITEM NO. _____

01-00 2/22/00 3/1/00 Welding Testing X-Ray LA-3266 L01 Baton Rouge LA
ITEM EVT DATE RPT DATE LICENSE LIC. NO. CITY STATE

ISOTOPE Tc-99m AEA MATL ACCEL. NORM

AMOUNT OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL (If amount of material is below exempt quantity, there is no need to fill out this form.)

<1 MILLICI 1 MILLICI - <100 MILLICI 1 CI - < 10 CI
 UNKNOWN 100 MILLICI - < 1 CI 10 CI - 100 CI >100 CI

EVENT INVOLVING EXPOSURE NUMBER EXPOSED _____

TYPE OF INDIV. EMPLOYEE MINOR EMPLOYEE EMBRYO/FETUS PUBLIC
EVENT LOCATION RESTRICTED AREA UNRESTRICTED AREA CONTROLLED AREA
DOSE TO: WHOLE BODY LENS OF EYE EXTREMITY SKIN ORGAN
MAXIMUM DOSE RAD REM _____

SOURCE OF RADIATION

EXTERNAL INTERNAL BOTH

LEAKING SOURCE IRRETRIEVABLE WELL LOGGING SOURCE

LOST OR STOLEN MATERIALS RELEASE OF MATERIALS

EVENT EVENT LOCATION PROBABLE DISPOSITION FORM EVENT
 LOST FIXED SITE RECOVERED SOLID SPILL
 FOUND TEMP. JOB SITE COMM. WASTE LIQUID TRANSPORT.
 THEFT LIC. VEHICLE INCIN. GAS OTHER
 THEFT, WITH FORCE COMM. CARRIER SCRAP METAL UNKNOWN LOCATION
 OTHER RESTRICTED AREA
 UNRESTRICTED AREA
 CONTROLLED AREA

EVENTS INVOLVING FACILITIES

FIRE EXPLOSION > 24 HR. DENIAL OF ACCESS
 DAMAGE TO DEVICE SPILL DAMAGE TO SAFETY EQUIPMENT
 OTHER _____

EVENTS INVOLVING GAUGES

RADIOGRAPHY
TYPE GL EXEMPT SPEC. LIC. FIXED PORTABLE
EVENT SHUTTER MOIS/DEN GAU DAMAGE OTHER _____ LOST/STOLEN
LOCATION FIXED TEMP. JOB SITE
EVENT SOURCE DISCONNECT SOURCE NOT RETURNED TO FULLY SHIELDED POS. CABLE FAILURE EQUIP FAILURE FAILURE TO FOLLOW PROCEDURES

4 Excessive Exposures

IRRADIATOR TELETHERAPY

MANUFACTURER _____ MODEL _____ SER. NO. _____

ABSTRACT (MAY BE CONTINUED ON OTHER SIDE OF PAGE)

On 3/1/00 the LA. Department of Environmental Quality was notified by Welding Testing X-Ray of an excessive exposure to 4 of the company's employees. The exposures were due to slow TLD badge record returns & long work hours. An investigation is ongoing into this matter.



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Rec'd by 1/10/00
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3/1

2/22/00

LA Department of Environmental Quality
Radiation Protection Division
PO Box 82135
Baton Rouge, LA 70884-2135

Attention: Ms. Diane B. Ausbrooks, Licensing & Registration Section

Reference: Dose received in excess of that allowed by LAC 33:XV.410

Dear Ms. Ausbrooks,

This is written in response to several of our radiographers receiving a dose in excess of the limits of LAC 33:XV.410 for the calendar year 1999. This is reported in compliance with the requirements of LAC 33:XV.487. We have only just become aware of this situation. Our TLD badge supplier has had a very long backlog due to a reported Y2K computer glitch. We have only recently received the reports for the last quarter of 1999 within days of each other.

Individuals Involved & Radiation Dose (See Page 3 for additional info)

Kevin W. Albez	6,104 mrem
Jabe M. Crawford	6,534 mrem
Jason M. Soileau	5,112 mrem
Gary J. Vines, Jr.	7,224 mrem

Cause

There were two primary causes for this occurrence. One was an unprecedented workload during the past year. The radiographers dosimeter readings for a given work shift were no larger than average. They did not appear to be of any real concern on their own. The second factor has been a very long delay in receiving the reports of TLD badge exposures. There has been an approximate four-month delay in receiving these reports. We have only just received the report for the month of October in February. We have now received the reports for the remainder of 1999. On discussion with Eberline about the reporting problem we were informed it was due to computer glitches while trying to upgrade to a Y2K compliant system. The problem has reportedly been fixed and this is the reason we now have the reports for the remainder of 1999. We have been ensured that the problem has been fixed and that reports will be provided within a reasonable time frame.



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Corrective Action

We have a new database program that lets us determine the total dosimeter reading at any given time. We will review this information at the end of each month in order to allow early assessment of radiographer who may be receiving radiation at to high a rate. This information will be shared with any individuals involved. When each monthly report is received it will receive close attention for any individual who may be receiving too high a dose. If any individual has a reading higher than 400 mrem in any month it will be brought to their attention and a plan for keeping the dose within limits will be formed. We are dedicated to keeping personnel exposure within the allowable limits. We have never had this occur before and are dedicated to not having it occur again.

Please feel free to contact us at you convenience if we may be of any assistance to you.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lance D. Henderson', written in a cursive style.

Lance D. Henderson

Radiation Safety Officer
NDT Level III - RT, UT, MT, PT
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