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FILE

MEMO TO : All Radioactive Material Licensees
FROM : Terry L. O'Clair, P.E.
Director
For Division of Air Quality
RE : Free Disposal of Am-241, AmBe-241, Pu-239,
and Possibly Cs-137 Sources
DATE : October 15, 2002

If you have unwanted Americium-241, Americium-241: Beryllium, Plutonium-239, or Cesium-137 sources, please complete the attached questionnaire and return it to Keith Moon of Support Consultants ASAP.

This is a U.S. Department of Energy project, which is currently accepting Am-241, AmBe-241, and Pu-239 sources, and that may be able to accept Cs-137 sources in the future. We encourage you to take advantage of this free opportunity to dispose of unused or unneeded radioactive material.

The questionnaire and additional information about this project are enclosed. If you have any questions about the project, please contact Support Consultants at (254)893-2088 or the Off-Site Source Recovery Project at (505)667-6701 or staff at the ND Radiation Control Program at (701)328-5188.

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LANL OFF-SITE SOURCE RECOVERY PROJECT QUESTIONNAIRE
(Please type or print clearly)

1. Company Name: _____

2. Address: (Mailing) _____
(Street) _____

3. Office Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Other: _____

4. Contact Name & Title: _____
E-mail address: _____

5. Radiation License Info: NRC License No. _____ or
Agreement State License No. _____
Type of License: Use _____ Storage Only _____

6. Facility Status: Ongoing Business _____ License Termination Ongoing _____

7. List information for your obsolete or unwanted radioactive sources:

<u>Isotope</u>	<u>Curies</u>	<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Leak Test Date</u>
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Return to: Keith Moon Phone & Fax: 254/893-2088
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October 10, 2002

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North Dakota Department of Health
Division of Air Quality
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Attn: Terry L. O'Clair, Director

Re: Los Alamos' Off-site Source Recovery Project

Gentlemen:



Los Alamos National Laboratory's Off-site Source Recovery Project is picking up obsolete and/or unwanted Am-241 and Pu-238 sources. This project has been ongoing for several years, but in the aftermath of 9/11/01 it has gained added political support and funding with the potential of so called dirty bombs being used by terrorists in the U.S. I have been involved with the OSR Project looking for and picking up sources since the early years of its formation. As you may know, I have a long standing relationship and have gained the trust of small independent well logging companies in my work as a radiation safety consultant and as founder and Chairman of the Independent Wireline Well Loggers Association. This is beneficial in the source recovery process.

Earlier this year while making telephone calls and sending faxes to well logging companies in Kansas, my efforts were brought to the attention of the Kansas Bureau of Radiation Control who were pleased that the OSR Project was willing to take the responsibility and cost of removing these sources from their state. They contacted me and voluntarily sent the enclosed letter, questionnaire and data sheet to well logging licensees in their state. As a result, 12 sources have been picked up in Kansas to date.

The OSR Project is requesting your assistance by sending out this information to well logging licensees and any other licensees with Am-241 or Pu-238 sources. At present these are the only sources the OSR Project is picking up, however, we are hopeful that authorization will be given to pickup unwanted Cs-137 sources in the future. You may copy and forward the enclosures, or you may compose your own letter of notification. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you want verification of my authorization, please call the OSR Project Leader, Shelby Leonard, at (505) 667-6701.

In the interest of Homeland Security I am sure your agency will want to get this information out to your licensees. We have been using the IWWLA data base of well logging companies which is somewhat outdated, so if you cannot send a notification, please furnish Support Consultants with a mailing list of licensees in this category and phone numbers so that we can contact them. Please let us hear from you ASAP so we can proceed with this phase of the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith E. Moon'.

Keith E. Moon

KEM:pm

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Letter to: All Well Logging Licensees

Re: LANL Radiation Source Recovery

Gentlemen:

Support Consultants has a contract with the U.S. Department of Energy's Los Alamos National Laboratory which has a program for picking up unwanted radiation sources. LANL's Off-Site Source Recovery Project data sheet is enclosed. At the present time this program applies to Am-241 and Pu-238 sources only, however, we are also gathering information on unwanted Cs-137 sources in hopes that the program can be expanded to pick up these sources as well. I know that many of you have unwanted and/or obsolete AmBe-241 sources that should be placed in this program. Several years ago as Chairman of the Independent Wireline Well Loggers Assn. I was very active in assisting Los Alamos National Lab in attempting to get this program off the ground, however, due to internal politics and Federal funding problems it basically died on the vine. It has now been revived and funded, so do not miss the opportunity to take advantage of this window of opportunity while there is no charge to you.

There are new financial requirements of radiation licensees recently passed by the State of Texas and I am sure other states will also pass such legislation. It allows the Texas Bureau of Radiation Control to impose an annual surcharge equal to 5% of the licensee's annual fee to be placed in a fund for radiation decontamination or cleanup in the event of a ruptured source or a nuclear accident. The State of Texas also will be attempting to enforce a financial assurance program for companies that have a large number of radiation sources of all types.

I have contacted many of the former IWWLA members and newsletter subscribers and found that most have sources they need to get rid of, however, there has been a tendency to procrastinate on getting the information back in a timely manner. If you get the information on your unwanted sources submitted, we expect they can be picked up within three to six months. Please complete the enclosed questionnaire and FAX it to me, or you can go to the OSR Project web site, whichever is convenient for you. I urge you to respond ASAP.

Sincerely,



Keith E. Moon

If you are a Well Logging Company

**With less than 10 unwanted
well logging radiation sources
containing Am-241 or Pu-238
that qualify, the**

Off-Site Source Recovery Project

at

**Los Alamos National Laboratory
Los Alamos, New Mexico**

can accept your sources for storage.

**The US Department of Energy (DOE) will take ownership
of the sources once received.**

(There is no charge for acceptance and storage at the present time.)

**Visit the OSR Project website at <http://osrp.lanl.gov>
or call the OSR Project Office at 505/667-6701
for more information.**