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RE: Nuclear Gauge Found at Scrap Metal Facility

On Wednesday, February 14, Cycle System in Lynchburg, VA, reported to the Department of Health's Radiological Health, Richard Conway, that a shipment of scrap metal set off their radiation monitor at 30 times background. Richard Conway advised the facility that he would visit the site the next day, and if they identified a device in the shipment to remove it from the rest of the shipment. Today we learned that the facility returned a nuclear gauge to the shipper in the back of a pick up truck. Information regarding the gauge follows:

Manufacturer: K-Ray, Inc.
Model Number 7062
Serial Number 7897
Isotope- Cs-137 50 mCi

Contacts: Cycle Systems, John Purdy (804) 237-6666
Shipped back to Martin Marietta located in Anderson Creek Rockville, VA
Contact Ben Brown, Wayne M. Allen (804) 749-4831

Note: I spoke with Mr. Allen. He heard that the device was returned, but could not confirm it. The facility was a rock quarry built ten years ago and they had recently purchased the property and was tearing the plant down. I informed him that this device is regulated by the NRC and that I would contact NRC, that NRC would assist with locating the licensee. He agreed to call back when he could locate the device.

I will follow up in morning.

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