

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION		Date: 02/17 & 2/21/2006
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD		Time: 8:10 am
Mail Control NA or Report No(s).	License No(s). 06-00854-03	Docket No(s). 03001246
<p>Name of Licensee: Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center</p> <p>Name of Participant(s): Ellen Wilcox, PhD, RSO (2/17/06) Bob Varsanik, NMT, Asst. RSO (2/21/06)</p> <p>Telephone No. 860-714-4015</p> <p>Subject: Followup to report of Tc-99m in municipal trash (NOTE: This will be used as the Documents Title in ADAMS)</p>		
<p>Summary: I spoke with Dr. Wilcox regarding a report from CT DEP that waste from St. Francis Hospital had set off an alarm at a municipal waste facility. Dr. Wilcox stated that CT DEP identified the material in the dumpster as as Tc-99m. The dumpster was returned to St. Francis and Mr. Varsanik surveyed the waste after it was returned to St. Francis and over the weekend. Mr. Varsanik stated that the Tc-99m was on disposable bedding material from a hospitalized patient who had been administered Tc-99m during a stress test. The bedding was disposed in the regular trash and not in medical waste, which is the standard procedure. Mr. Varsanik stated that medical waste is held longer than regular trash before disposal, thereby allowing time for Tc-99m to decay. Mr. Varsanik stated that the hospital plans to install radiation monitors at a central point leading to the loading dock to prevent future incidents such as this from occurring. The dumpster would not be released until the Tc-99m was decayed to background levels.</p>		
<p>Action Required: Review incident and hospital follow up actions during next inspection.</p>		
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