

**Reactor Operating Events
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Event Notification Report**

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Event Reports For EN No (34996)
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34996 **[Print]**

Hospital	Event Number: 34996
Rep Org: COMMUNITY HOSPITAL Licensee: COMMUNITY HOSPITAL Region: 3 City: INDIANAPOLIS State: IN County: License #: 13-06009-01 Agreement: N Docket: NRC Notified By: BROWNE HQ OPS Officer: CHAUNCEY GOULD	Notification Date: 11/04/1998 Notification Time: 11:01 [ET] Event Date: 11/04/1998 Event Time: 08:30 [CST] Last Update Date: 11/04/1998
Emergency Class: NON EMERGENCY 10 CFR Section: 20.2201(a)(1)(i) - LOST/STOLEN LNM>1000X	Person (Organization): RONALD GARDNER (R3) DON COOL (NMSS)

Event Text

THE LICENSEE HAS DISCOVERED THREE I-125 SEEDS MISSING.

ON 11-04-98 AT 0830 IT WAS DETERMINED THAT A STERILIZER PIG HAD BEEN RINSED IN THE OPERATING ROOM CLEANUP SINK THE PREVIOUS DAY. THE PERSON IN CHARGE HAD RECORDED THAT THERE WERE EIGHT SEEDS IN THE PIG, BUT HE FORGOT TO REMOVE THEM FROM THE PIG PRIOR TO ITS RINSING. THE PIG HAD CONTAINED EIGHT SEEDS OF I-125, EACH MEASURING 376 MICROCURIES ON 11/02/98. FIVE OF THE SEEDS WERE FOUND IN THE SINK'S DRAIN TRAP, BUT THEY COULD NOT TRACE AND RECOVER THE OTHER THREE. THE LICENSEE NOTIFIED NRC REGION 3 AND THE STATE OF INDIANA.

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