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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am reporting the possible loss of radioactive material, an I-125 seed of 0.327 mCi activity. An incorrect post-procedure count indicated that a loss may have occurred. Since no verification count was performed on the order prior to handling we are unable to substantiate if a loss did or did not occur. All surveys at post-handling steps were negative for radiation. A copy of the report compiled by the physicist performing the procedure is attached. In order to prevent future events the procedure for verifying and handling the seeds has been changed. A copy of the revised procedure is also attached. If any further information regarding this event becomes available I will forward it to you. If you have any questions, please contact me at the phone number listed above.

Sincerely,

Andrea D. Browne
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