

INES Event Rating Form (ERF)

Version 1

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Event Title:	Overexposure to Nuclear Medicine Technologist
Event Date:	2015-02-27
Location / Facility:	Phoenix, Arizona/Phoenix Baptist Hospital and Med
Event Country:	United States of America
Event Type:	Other
INES Rating:	2 - Incident (Final)
Rating Date:	2015-08-21
Impact on people and the environment	
Release beyond authorized limits?	No
Overexposure of a member of the public?	No
Overexposure of a worker?	Yes
Impact on the radiological barriers and controls at facilities	
Contamination spread within the facility?	No
Damage to radiological barriers (incl. fuel damage) within the facility?	No
Degradation of Defence In-Depth?	No
Other information	
Person injured physically or casualty?	No
Is there a continuing problem?	No
Event Description	
In February 2015, it was determined that a nuclear medicine technologist received a cumulative annual whole body dose of 110 mSv (11 rem) for the time period of September 01, 2014 to January 07, 2015, which exceeds the annual statutory dose limit of 50 mSv (5 rem). The State completed their investigation and confirmed the validity of the whole body dose on July 13, 2015. The staff member received 100 mSv (10 rem) for 2014 and 10.1 mSv (1.01 rem) for 2015. NRC EN50877.	
Rating Justification	
A Level 2 is warranted for exposure of a worker in excess of statutory annual dose limits. See Section 2.3.1 INES User's Manual 2008 Edition (IAEA-INES-2009) http://www-pub.iaea.org/MTCD/publications/PDF/INES-2009_web.pdf	
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