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TO: Ohio Radioactive Material Licensees

SUBJECT: Radioactive source disposal options

With the closure to Ohio licensees of the low level radioactive waste disposal facility in Barnwell, S.C. options for the disposal of sealed sources have become limited. The purpose of this notice is to inform Ohio licensees of two programs that can be used to dispose of unwanted radioactive sources.

The first of these programs is the Source Collection and Threat Reduction (SCATR) Program. The SCATR Program will accept sources that are less than 0.5 millicuries of a transuranic or less than 750 mg of radium or less than 10 curies of other non-transuranic; and greater than 120 day half-life. More information along with registration details for the SCATR Program can be found at http://www.crcpd.org/SCATR/SCATR.html

The Off-Site Source Recovery Project (OSRP) will accept larger sources. More information along with registration details for the OSRP can be found at http://osrp.lanl.gov

The Bureau of Radiation Protection encourages all Ohio licensees to register any unwanted radioactive source in these programs. If you dispose any of your unwanted sources through these programs, contact the Bureau for any required licensing actions and to ensure that the proper documentation is retained. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at 614-644-2727 or at Michael.Snee@odh.ohio.gov

Sincerely,

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