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**Bureau of Radiation Control
RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS SECTION
Information Notice 2002-09**

***Disposal of Am-241 and Pu-238 Sources
Los Alamos National Laboratory's Off-Site Source Recovery Project***

ATTENTION: RADIATION SAFETY OFFICER

The Los Alamos National Laboratory's Off-Site Source Recovery Project (ORS) is a program to pick up and store unwanted or obsolete Am-241 or Pu-238 sealed sources. The contractor for this project has indicated that the ORS Project is willing to take responsibility and cost of removing these sources. If you have any of these unwanted sources, we strongly recommend that you take advantage of this offer.

Attached is the contact information and forms needed. While these documents reference "well-logging" licensees, the offer is open to all licensees who have sources that qualify.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact us.

SUPPORT CONSULTANTS

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Letter to: All Well Logging Licensees

Re: LANL Radiation Source Recovery

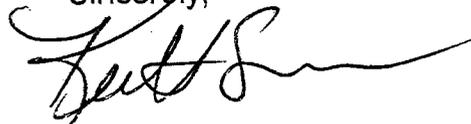
Gentlemen:

Support Consultants has a contract with the U.S. Department of Energy's Los Alamos National Laboratory which has a program for picking up unwanted radiation sources. LANL's Off-Site Source Recovery Project data sheet is enclosed. At the present time this program applies to Am-241 and Pu-238 sources only, however, we are also gathering information on unwanted Cs-137 sources in hopes that the program can be expanded to pick up these sources as well. I know that many of you have unwanted and/or obsolete AmBe-241 sources that should be placed in this program. Several years ago as Chairman of the Independent Wireline Well Loggers Assn. I was very active in assisting Los Alamos National Lab in attempting to get this program off the ground, however, due to internal politics and Federal funding problems it basically died on the vine. It has now been revived and funded, so do not miss the opportunity to take advantage of this window of opportunity while there is no charge to you.

There are new financial requirements of radiation licensees recently passed by the State of Texas and I am sure other states will also pass such legislation. It allows the Texas Bureau of Radiation Control to impose an annual surcharge equal to 5% of the licensee's annual fee to be placed in a fund for radiation decontamination or cleanup in the event of a ruptured source or a nuclear accident. The State of Texas also will be attempting to enforce a financial assurance program for companies that have a large number of radiation sources of all types.

I have contacted many of the former IWWLA members and newsletter subscribers and found that most have sources they need to get rid of, however, there has been a tendency to procrastinate on getting the information back in a timely manner. If you get the information on your unwanted sources submitted, we expect they can be picked up within three to six months. Please complete the enclosed questionnaire and FAX it to me, or you can go to the OSR Project web site, whichever is convenient for you. I urge you to respond ASAP.

Sincerely,



Keith E. Moon

If you are a **Well Logging Company**

With less than 10 unwanted
well logging radiation sources
containing Am-241 or Pu-238
that qualify, the

Off-Site Source Recovery Project

at

Los Alamos National Laboratory
Los Alamos, New Mexico

can accept your sources for storage.

The US Department of Energy (DOE) will take ownership
of the sources once received.

(There is no charge for acceptance and storage at the present time.)

**Visit the OSR Project website at <http://osrp.lanl.gov>
or call the OSR Project Office at 505/667-6701
for more information.**