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To: California Radioactive Materials Licensees Authorized to Possess
Portable Nuclear Gauges

Subject: Inappropriate Activities Conducted by Portable Nuclear Gauge Service
Providers

The purpose of this Information Notice is to inform California portable nuclear gauge (PNG) licensees that certain PNG service providers have recently been found to have performed unauthorized modifications to PNGs. The inappropriately modified gauges have been identified and removed from service inasmuch as they no longer met their Sealed Source and Device Registry (SS&DR) certificate criteria.

It is the responsibility of the PNG licensees to ensure that their service providers do not perform services that invalidate the gauge's Sealed Source and Device Registry certificate as inappropriately modified equipment likely will not have been properly validated or tested to ensure that they can be operated in a safe manner. This action could potentially jeopardize the health and safety of workers along with the general public. The PNG licensee should request clarification from the PNG service provider regarding the SS&DR certification impact of any services performed on the equipment when it is sent for servicing.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Gonzalo Perez by telephone at (916) 440-7942 or by email at Gonzalo.Perez@cdph.ca.gov.

Regards,

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