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# Intent

Huracan recognises the prescribed obligation to implement a radiation safety and protection plan for the management of operations involving radioactive sources. This plan has been formulated to provide guidance for all sealed source apparatus Industrial gauging practices are conducted as safely as possible and in compliance with Radiation Safety Act 1999 and the Radiation Safety Regulation 1999.

This plan applies to all Huracan operations for surface fluid density characterisation containing radioactive sealed sources the possession licensee is in possession of, further detail of gauges and premises are included within Appendix B.

Compliance with this plan is mandatory to help ensure any radiation exposure to workers and/or the public is managed to comply with or be less than the prescribed limits.

# Definitions

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| Carrier | An individual or organisation transporting radioactive materials |
| Consignment | A package, or load of radioactive materials, which is presented by a consignor for transport |
| Consignor | An individual or organisation who prepares a consignment of radioactive materials for transport, and who is named as consignor in the transport documents |
| Package | This includes the packaging together with its radioactive contents as presented for transport |
| Transport Index (TI) | A number assigned to a package, over-pack or freight container, or to unpackaged LSA-1 or SCO-1, to assist in providing control over radiation exposure. In general, the TI corresponds to the radiation level (in units of millisieverts per hour) at 1 metre from the surface of a package multiplied |
| Possession Licensee | Approved person or company, by the Chief Executive of Queensland Health |
| Radiation Safety Officer | RSO. Competent person to perform the duties of RSO as nominated by the Possession Licensee. The Possession Licensee may appoint themselves as the RSO if they are competent to perform the duties outlined under Responsibilities. |

# Responsibilities

## 3.1 Consignor

To ensure that packages containing radioactive materials are safe to handle under normal conditions, the consignor is responsible for:

* Packaging and labelling radioactive materials for transport in accordance with the Transport Code; and
* Preparing and certifying the transport documentation as required by the Transport Code

## 3.2 Carrier

* Checking that appropriate documentation is provided with the package, and has been completed in accordance with the Transport Code
* Verifying that the information on the consignment note, consignor’s declaration for dangerous goods (if applicable) and the package containing the radioactive materials is consistent;
* Identifying labels to ensure appropriate decisions are made about storage, loading and transport;
* The loading, unloading, handling, transport and interim storage of packages where appropriate, including any directions given by the consignor such as special stowage provisions for the safe dissipation of heat; and
* Emergency procedures in the event of an incident while loading, transporting, unloading or storage of a package.

## 3.3 Possession Licensee

Huracan is applying for a license to possess sealed radioactive sources for surface logging, see Appendix A for further detail.

* Hold a license, issued under the Radiation safety Act 1999, with an authority to possess sealed radioactive substances used for surface well monitoring requiring the use of a radioactive source;
* Ensure that all users of radiation sources hold licenses, including initial installation, repair and maintenance operations as issued by the relevant authority, allowing them to use such equipment for surface fluid density characterisation;
* Ensure the radiation doses arising from the radiation practice/s are kept below the limits specified in prescribed regulations and are as low as reasonably achievable;
* Ensure this Radiation Protection and Safety Plan is available and adhered to, that there is adequate resources for the implementation of this plan and all necessary records are kept;
* Ensure radiation sources are not relocated from a place in Queensland to a place outside Queensland (whether in or outside Australia), without holder an approval to relocate the source and where relocation occurs, must advise the Chief Executive within seven (7) days. The radiation source shall remain on the possession licensee’s inventory until such time as satisfactory evidence that this relocation has occurred has been received.
* Must not supply, without permission, a radiation source to another person, unless the other person is a possession licensee for the source and the holder of an approval to acquire the source;
* Must dispose of, without permission, radioactive material in accordance with the prescribed regulation/s including, the notification to the Chief Executive within the designated timeframe;
* Must not abandon a radiation source;
* Ensure radiation monitoring is carried out in accordance with this plan;
* Provide personal monitoring devices to monitored persons as required by this plan and ensure that:
  + Personal monitoring devices are handled properly;
  + Monitored persons are advised of their personal monitoring assessment results; and
  + Copies of the personal monitoring assessment results are submitted to the Chief Executive at Queensland Health.
  + A personal monitoring record is kept for each person monitored
* Ensure compliance with any conditions imposed on the possession license by the chief executive of Queensland Health and with any other prescribed or regulatory obligation;
* Appoint a Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)
* Ensure the RSO is completing their functions properly so the possession licensee is adequately apprised of the radiation safety status of the practice at all times;
* Ensure the radiation sources continue to comply with radiation safety standard *NM009:2010 Standard for sealed radioactive substances incorporated in sealed source apparatus used to carry out industrial gauging,* including obtaining certificates of compliance from an appropriately accredited person before initial use and every three (3) years thereafter;
* Ensure that the premises where radioactive substances are stored continue to comply with radiation safety standard *PR002:1999 Standard for premises at which radioactive substances are stored,* and obtain the necessary certificates of compliance form an appropriately accredited person, before initial use and every five (5) years thereafter;
* Ensure that the premises where radioactive sources are used continue to comply with the specified radiation standards, and obtain certificates of compliance from an appropriately accredited person, before initial use and every five (5) years thereafter;
* Ensure that, where there is a change in location of a radiation source, an appropriately accredited person performs an assessment of the premises for compliance with specific radiation safety standards before the source is used.
* Ensure reporting requirements are met to the Chief Executive in the event an incident involving a radioactive source occurs.

## 3.4 Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)

* Identify ways, consistent with this plan for minimising the radiation doses received by persons from the source;
  + Provide or arrange for the provision of training about radiation hazards, safe working practices and precautions required, to workers carrying out operations involving radiation or, any other persons who may be working for the licensee who may be exposed to radiation emitted from the source
* Identify if this plan is being complied with;
* Review the plan in accordance with company processes, to ensure its continued effectiveness:
  + All licenses and compliance certificates are maintained as current;
  + Details of the gauges including maintenance, repair and safety checks are conducted and records maintained;
  + Radiation monitoring devices are calibrated and in good working order with all records maintained
* Identify if the relevant radiation safety standard for the source, or premises is being complied with;
* Report, to the possession licensee any:
  + Radiation incidents immediately;
  + Contravention of this plan and or relevant safety standards and any subsequent actions required to re-achieve compliance;
  + Determine the effectiveness and extent of compliance with this plan and regulatory obligations by way of auditing as required; and
  + Recommendations for changes as required to ensure continued compliance and effectiveness in the management of radiation safety and protection.

## 3.5 Operators

* Take all reasonable steps to ensure that a person’s health and safety are not adversely affected by exposure to radiation exposure from operations conducted;
* Hold and maintain the relevant license for the operations required;
* Ensure they are authorised by the possession licensee to use and transport the radioactive substance;
* Understand this radiation safety and protection plan, their obligations and commit to complying with this plan and any safe systems of work required;
* Actively participate in the required training and maintain the necessary competence to conduct operations;
* Wear any personal protection supplied i.e. personal dosimeter;
* Account for and maintain the handling, transport and use of any radioactive sources in accordance with this plan i.e. log-out of source, ensure the continued security of the source whilst in transport or as operationally required and return of the source as required;
* Ensure that repairs and maintenance of the source is conducted in accordance with the RSO;
* Report any incidents or contravention with this plan and subsequent regulatory standards to the RSO.

# Hazard Assessment

Huracan may utilise radioactive sources for surface density measurement as operations require, to determine certain characteristics of the produced fluid from a well. The radioactive sources are present in, or attached to, the surface inline flowmeter which are in a solid sealed source state.

If incorrectly handled or inadequately shielded, the radioactive substances incorporated in the Industrial sources present the potential for exposure to the radioactive sources. The access to and handling of are identified health hazards which require strict controls to ensure unauthorised exposure does not occur.

A number of variables should be considered in regards to the management of radiation doses to persons involved in the practice or other persons such as members of the public including the type of radioactive substances to be used, compliance with work practices, this plan and any other prescribed standards or directions by regulatory bodies. Limits set are detailed within the *Radiation Safety Regulation 2010,* which prescribes:

* the average of the annual total effective dose for the person, over a 5-year period, must not be more than 20mSv per year;
* the total effective does limit applying to the public exposure of a person must not be more than 1mSv per year; and
* the total effective does for a pregnant woman (where reasonably aware) involved in carrying out the practice is a total effective does of 1 mSv per year.

In Queensland, the personal radiation monitoring results of persons employed where industrial gauging occurs, indicate that radiation doses above 1mSv per year are seldom received. By comparison, the annual average natural background radiation dose to a person is 2mSv per year. Where poor work practices or where gauges do not comply with the relevant standards occurs, results in higher radiation doses may occur.

# Control of Access

Control of access to all radioactive materials must be strictly managed including its use, transport and storage. Only authorised personnel are permitted (by the possession licensee) to use the surface fluid density characterisation radioactive sources. Details of authorised personnel is available in Appendix C – Authorised Personnel.

In the event of Huracan operations requiring a radioactive source, all due diligence checks shall be conducted in accordance with this plan to ensure the relevant persons are authorised by the possession licensee to use, store and handle radioactive materials.

## 5.1 Storage

All radioactive sources must be stored in accordance with the relevant safety standard such as:

* Up to 30 days temporary storage i.e. Production Package at wellsite
* Premises which has been certified as meeting relevant radiation safety standard.

## 5.2 Transportation of Radioactive Materials Legislated Requirements

People involved in the transport of radioactive materials must receive the appropriate training on radiation hazards that may be encountered during the transport of radioactive materials, including the precautions that must be observed to restrict their own exposure and the exposure of other persons who might be affected by their actions. Additionally, in accordance with the Radiation Safety Act 1999, section 14, a license must be held by persons required to transport radioactive substances in compliance with the Transport Code, with an exemption under section 70 of the Radiation Safety Regulation 2010, as is applicable to Huracan operations:

* A transport license is not required if a radioactive substance is transported in accordance with the Transport Code if:
  + A sealed radioactive substance, incorporated in a sealed source apparatus, is transported by a person who is licensed to use the apparatus to carry out one of the following radiation practices:
    1. Borehole logging
    2. Industrial gauging, Density-gauging or moisture-gauging, for geo-technical purposes
    3. Industrial radiography

Those who are exempt from the requirement to hold a transport license by virtue of holding a use license for a prescribed radiation practice, are considered to be adequately trained to transport specific radioactive materials under industry specific conditions as, the training received during the radiation safety training required as a pre-requisite for obtaining a license is adequate. Additionally, the licensed Huracan workers are required to comply with the possession licensee’s approved radiation safety and protection plan (this Radiation Management Plan) as approved by the Chief Executive of the Department of Health.

Additionally, radiation monitoring may be required to ensure that radiation exposure to any person involved in the transport of radioactive material does not exceed those permitted for members of the public. Therefore, provided safe working practices and the relevant code is adhered to, there is no requirement for personal radiation monitoring of carriers.

In the event that an authorised person, as nominated by the possession licensee (Huracan worker) is not transporting the radioactive material, the following documentation is required for the transport of radioactive material including:

* A movement order i.e. consignment note. (Not required if Huracan is transporting the radioactive material)
* Details of the consignment (including radionuclide, total activity, number of packages:
* A consignment declaration (Not required if Huracan is transporting the radioactive material)
* Package certification as required;
* Special form certificate, as applicable for sealed source;
* Competent authority approval, as required; and
* Any supplementary information for carriers i.e. additional handling requirements, emergency arrangement, restrictions on loading etc.

NOTE: Where Huracan is transporting the radioactive material on a company approved vehicle, a consignment note or consignor’s declaration for dangerous goods is not required.

In general, radiation exposure to personnel is dependent upon the amount of time they spend near the packages containing radioactive materials. All persons should ensure:

* To minimise contact with the package;
* Not stand or sit near or on the package; and
* Keep as far away as practicable form the package.

Additionally, the carrier must ensure that:

* Packages stay in good condition and that packaging seals remain intact during the loading , transporting, unloading and storage prior to delivery at the destination of the package;
* For category II-Yellow or III-Yellow radioactive materials:
  + Except for the driver and assistants, no person is carried in vehicle carrying packages of radioactive materials;
  + Packages of radioactive materials bearing these labels are not carried in compartments occupied by passengers;
  + The number of labelled packages is limited so that the sum of transport indices is not more than 50.
* Placards are placed on both sides and the rear of the vehicle when transporting packages of radioactive materials bearing a category label;
* Packages of radioactive materials are securely stowed in the vehicle to prevent movement during transport;
* Packages of radioactive materials are not loaded in the same vehicle as goods which could damage the packaging of the radioactive materials in the event of an accident;
* Ensure that the package is placed in the vehicle as far as practicable from the driver to ensure the driver’s exposure to radiation is minimised while en-route; and
* Packages are segregated from other dangerous goods during transport, in compliance with the *Australia Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail.*

## 5.3 Source Leakage Tests

Source leakage tests, otherwise known as wipe testing, should be conducted under the guidance of the RSO and in accordance with the relevant safety standard. Source leakage testing should be conducted:

* Every twelve (12) months for a sealed radioactive substance.
* As a precautionary measure to service maintenance;
* For cause (after every incident);
* Every six (6) months after a sealed radioactive substance reaches the end of its recommended working life, as set by the manufacturer.
* Sources other than ceramic pellets (i.e. CsCI or other chemical compounds) should be leak tested once a year.

The dose rates of all radioactive sources kept in shielded containers shall be checked by a competent person (i.e. qualified field engineer) on a regular basis using a calibrated survey meter. The dose rates must not exceed:

* 2000uSv/h at any point 5cm from the container surface;
* 100uSv/h at any point 100cm from the container surface.

NOTE: 1mRad = 10 uSv/h

# Training

Training is necessary to ensure that all persons are aware of the radiation hazards for surface fluid density characterisation operations, and are provided with the necessary knowledge and skills to manage these hazards. The RSO shall provide, or arrange for the provision of appropriate training to users and other person in radiation safety matters. The RSO must also ensure that users understand and comply with this radiation safety and protection plan.

The radiation safety training provided shall include, but is not limited to:

* A description of the hazards in the practices;
* How to avoid the identified hazards;
* Minimising radiation doses;
* Legislative and regulatory obligations personnel must abide by;
* The content of this radiation safety and protection plan; and
* Remedial procedures.

As Huracan do not currently possess any radioactive sources, the relevant licensee procedures may also be applicable to include within the training requirements.

Additionally, field personnel such as surface well testing technicians who are associated with the use of radioactive sources in surface fluid density characterisation, hold a usage license and attaned an inhouse training course at Huracan’s training location. Upon successful completion of this course, additional supervision in field shall be completed for the first months before a radiation use license can be applied for. The RSO shall complete a VOC on the worker to complete the training and competency process.

# Safe work practices

All personnel should abide by the three simple rules to minimise personal radiation doses:

1. **Time:** Minimise exposure times
2. **Distance:** Keep as far away as practicable from the radioactive substance
3. **Shielding:** Add additional shielding

## 7.1 General Safe Practices

A radioactive source may only be used and stored if it is compliance with the relevant radiation safety standard. The transfer of radioactive sources to the surface well monitoring equipment should be executed in the least possible timeframe and should follow the specific source Safe Handling Procedure. Sources shall only be removed from the shielded container for the purpose of installation into the surface test unit for operation or calibration. All sources shall remain in the appropriate locked container within its shield when not in use with the key on the persons. Upon arrival at site, and exclusion zone of 10 metres with signage should be set around the vehicle transporting the source. Before removing a source from its shielded container, a pre job safety meeting should be conducted and the area cleared of unnecessary personnel. The handling of the source shall be done using the appropriate handling tool for the source if required.

### 7.1.1 Borehole Logging with a Neutron Generator

The Neutron Generator requires electrical power from the surface acquisition system to create its neutrons. For this reason, the following are safety precautions when operating a Neutron Generator;

* Only trained, qualified personnel can operate the Reservoir Analsis Sounde.
* The Neutron generator can only be powered when 70m below Ground Level.
* Once the power to the Neutron generator has been disarmed, the tool must remain below ground level for a minimum of 30 minutes before being pulled back to the surface to allow any activation to dissipate.
* The only exception to having the Neutron generator powered at the surface is if the tool is within its calibration tank and a 10m exclusion zone is set up around the tank.

## 7.2 Transportation of Radioactive (Legislative Requirements)

People involved in the transport of radioactive materials must receive the appropriate training on radiation hazards that may be encountered during the transport of radioactive materials, including the precautions that must be observed to restrict their own exposure and the exposure of other persons who might be affected by their actions. Additionally, in accordance with the Radiation Safety Act 1999, section 14, a license must be held by persons required to transport radioactive substances in compliance with the Transport Code, with an exemption under section 70 of the Radiation Safety Regulation 2010, as is applicable to Huracan operations:

* A transport license is not required if a radioactive substance is transported in accordance with the Transport Code if:
  + A sealed radioactive substance, incorporated in a sealed source apparatus, is transported by a person who is licensed to use the apparatus to carry out one of the following radiation practices:

1. Borehole logging
2. Industrial gauging, Density-gauging or moisture-gauging, for geo-technical purposes
3. Industrial radiography

Those who are exempt from the requirement to hold a transport license by virtue of holding a use license for a prescribed radiation practice, are considered to be adequately trained to transport specific radioactive materials under industry specific conditions as, the training received during the radiation safety training required as a pre-requisite for obtaining a license is adequate. Additionally, the licensed Huracan workers are required to comply with the possession licensee’s approved radiation safety and protection plan (this Radiation Management Plan) as approved by the Chief Executive of the Department of Health.

Additionally, radiation monitoring may be required to ensure that radiation exposure to any person involved in the transport of radioactive material does not exceed those permitted for members of the public. Therefore, provided safe working practices and the relevant code is adhered to, there is no requirement for personal radiation monitoring of carriers.

In the event that an authorised person, as nominated by the possession licensee (Huracan worker) is not transporting the radioactive material, the following documentation is required for the transport of radioactive material including:

* A movement order i.e. consignment note. (Not required if Huracan is transporting the radioactive material)
* Details of the consignment (including radionuclide, total activity, number of packages:
  + A consignment declaration (Not required if Huracan is transporting the radioactive material)
  + Package certification as required;
  + Special form certificate, as applicable for sealed source;
  + Competent authority approval, as required; and
  + Any supplementary information for carriers i.e. additional handling requirements, emergency arrangement, restrictions on loading etc.

NOTE: Where Huracan is transporting the radioactive material on a company approved vehicle, a consignment note or consignor’s declaration for dangerous goods is not required.

In general, radiation exposure to personnel is dependent upon the amount of time they spend near the packages containing radioactive materials. All persons should ensure:

* To minimise contact with the package;
* Not stand or sit near or on the package; and
* Keep as far away as practicable form the package.

Additionally, the carrier must ensure that:

* Packages stay in good condition and that packaging seals remain intact during the loading , transporting, unloading and storage prior to delivery at the destination of the package;
* For category II-Yellow or III-Yellow radioactive materials:
  + Except for the driver and assistants, no person is carried in vehicle carrying packages of radioactive materials;
  + Packages of radioactive materials bearing these labels are not carried in compartments occupied by passengers;
  + The number of labelled packages is limited so that the sum of transport indices is not more than 50.
* Placards are placed on both sides and the rear of the vehicle when transporting packages of radioactive materials bearing a category label;
* Packages of radioactive materials are securely stowed in the vehicle to prevent movement during transport;
* Packages of radioactive materials are not loaded in the same vehicle as goods which could damage the packaging of the radioactive materials in the event of an accident;
* Ensure that the package is placed in the vehicle as far as practicable from the driver to ensure the driver’s exposure to radiation is minimised while en-route; and
* Packages are segregated from other dangerous goods during transport, in compliance with the Australia Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail.

# Monitoring requirements

The RSO is responsible for ensuring that the use of radioactive sources is monitored so that the radiation exposure levels to users and other persons, are below the allowable radiation dose limits as specified by the prescribed regulations. All results shall be recorded and retained including instance where any action is taken/required. The frequency, nature and assessment criteria are detail below.

## 8.1 Personal Radiation Monitoring

Persons who use the radioactive sources are to be provided with personal monitoring devices which are capable of measuring both gamma and neutron radiation. The following personal monitoring program shall be implemented:

* All uses of radioactive sources are required to wear an appropriate personal monitoring device at chest or waist height whenever they use a radioactive source;
* Personal monitoring devices shall be obtained from and assessed by ARPANSA;
* Personal monitoring devices shall be worn for 12 week cycles;
* Monitoring devices must not be tampered with or misused;
* Prior to leaving work daily, the devices must be stored well away from the radiation sources;
* All personal monitoring records shall be kept, in accordance with the Company record management process for:
  + the duration of the wearer’s working life; and
  + not less than 30 years; and
  + at least until the person has reached the age of 75 years.
* Personal monitoring records shall be checked by the RSO to ensure the results of doses recorded are below the prescribed limits allowable and are as low as reasonably achievable. If any unusual doses are identified, the work practices of the wearer shall be investigated to determine if remedial action is required;
* The control device/s are the dose meter used to detect background radiation and any radiation received during mailing. This dose meter must be stored away from sources of radiation and extremes in the environment at all times. The control device/s shall be in the head office as required (should Huracan be in possession of radioactive material).

## 8.2 Personal Alarm Monitoring Devices

The use of personal alarm monitoring devices otherwise known as personal alarm dose meters are not required to be worn for the practices Huracan may conduct.

## 8.3 Safety Devices

Safety handling devices are not required for the installation of the gamma ray source. Safety signage & exclusion zone shall be clearly displayed to warn other persons that radioactive operations are occurring.

## 8.4 Personal Protective Equipment

There is no additional specific personal protective equipment suitable to minimise the exposure to the radioactive source in industrial meter usage.

## 8.5 Radiation Survey Meter

A radiation survey meter, otherwise known as a radiation monitoring device, shall be provided by the licensee in the event Huracan are in possession of radioactive sources:

* Has a radiation dose rate range between (at least) 1 uSv/h and 1000 uSv/h, or the equivalent for the radiations emitted from the radioactive substances;

Note: 1 mRad = 10 uSv/h

* Has appropriate energy response;
* Has a measurement uncertainty not greater than ± 25% over the energy range of the radiations emitted from the radioactive substances; and
* Continues to indicate, either visibly or audibly, when radiation levels exceed the maximum allowable readings within their measurement range.

The radiation survey meter shall be easily accessible, but as far as possible from the radioactive source, such as kept in the front cabin of the vehicle, and must not be tampered with or misused. Prior to use, the radiation survey meter must be function tested (battery test) to ensure it is working and responds to radiation. The survey meters response to radiation is tested by measuring the dose rate 5cm from the surface of one of the shielded containers within the vehicle.

# Repairs and Maintenance

Records shall be kept of all maintenance procedures in the event Huracan is in possession of radioactive material and can be accessed from the equipment log upon request of the possession licensee.

Routine maintenance shall be completed by a competent person (licensed technician etc.) a list of approved persons is included within Appendix C. Maintenance expected would include:

* Wipe tests
* O-ring changes

Any non-routine maintenance shall be completed by an approved service provider.

A calibration check of the radiation survey meter should be conducted every annually, or following suspected damage or repair. The survey meter is to be calibrated if the calibration check yields erroneous results. This check shall be performed by an approved provider that has a calibration service that users reference sources traceable to the Australian National Standards as required by the relevant prescribed regulation.

## 9.1 Source Leakage Tests

Source leakage tests, otherwise known as wipe testing, should be conducted under the guidance of the RSO and in accordance with the relevant safety standard. Source leakage testing should be conducted:

* As a precautionary measure to service maintenance;
* For cause (after every incident);
* Every six (6) months after a sealed radioactive substance reaches the end of its recommended working life, as set by the manufacturer.
* Sources other than ceramic pellets (i.e. CsCI or other chemical compounds) should be leak tested once a year.

The dose rates of all radioactive sources kept in shielded containers shall be checked by a competent person (i.e. qualified field engineer) on a regular basis using a calibrated survey meter. The dose rates must not exceed:

* 2000uSv/h at any point 5cm from the container surface;
* 100uSv/h at any point 100cm from the container surface.

NOTE: 1mRad = 10 uSv/h

# Compliance Checks

Compliance or safety checks shall be conducted by a competent person as listed in Appendix C. Records of all checks, including any action/s taken, shall be kept in the equipment log provided by the possession licensee:

* Three Monthly Checks:
  + Radiation warning sign, as required by the prescribed standard NM010:1999, are displayed on each apparatus containing a source, and are in a clean, intact and legible state;
  + An area warning sign for the radioactive substances stores, as required by the prescribed standard PR002:19999, is available and is in good condition;
  + The condition of the gamma source equipment by checking:

1. radiation dose rates around the device;
2. for any corrosion, damage or wear;
3. that the device performs satisfactorily when used in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions.

* Six Monthly Checks:
  + Any radioactive substances have passed the end of their recommended working life, as set by the manufacturer, a source leakage test is to be conducted every six months by an approved facility to analyse the results.
* Annual Check:
  + Radioactive substances other than ceramic pellets (i.e. CsCI) are to be leak tested in accordance with Annex A.3 of ISO9978 to confirm they are not leaking with an approved facility to analyse the leakage tests.

# Reporting Requirements

Specific reporting requirements, shall be conducted in accordance with prescribed regulations including:

* A dangerous event happens:
  + The source is, or appears to have been lost or stolen;
  + A radiation incident occurs, in relation to the source, where no remediation procedures are in place within this Safety and Protection Plan for the practice being carried out with the source at the time;
  + Equipment that uses, measures or controls radiation emitted from the source malfunction with the result, or likely result that there is/will be, an unintended emission of the radiation or a person is/will be, unintentionally exposed to radiation
* The source is damaged;
* Unauthorised access (not provided for within this plan) to the source is identified.

Notification must be given to the State Chief Executive immediately, orally or in writing, and shall state the following:

* Particulars of the source (adequate to identify);
* The location of the source (if known by the licensee), or if unknown, the last known location of the source;
* The circumstances surrounding the dangerous event;
* Mitigation steps taken or proposed to contain the situation (remedy the consequences of the dangerous event and re-occurrence);
* In the event a source is lost or stolen, any other information relevant to the recovery of the source.

Where notice is given orally, written notification containing the above required information must be provided to the Chief Executive within seven (7) days of dangerous event occurring i.e. the Huracan Incident Investigation Report may be provided.

The following records are to be maintained by the possession licensee, and shall be available at the Huracan Head Office, 151 Warooby Lane, Euthulla, Queensland 4455:

* Possession license issued under the Radiation Safety Act 1999;
* This radiation safety and protection plan as approved by the Chief Executive of Queensland Health;
* Approvals to acquire radioactive substances;
* Reports by the radiation safety officer;
* Equipment maintenance logs;
* Results of all safety checks performed;
* Inventory and location of radioactive sources;
* Assessment reports of the sources and premises at which the radioactive source is stored;
* Results of source leakage test;
* Calibration check certificates of the radiation survey meters;
* Training conducted;
* Radioactive material store log; and
* Incident reports.

# Acquisition, supply and relocation of radioactive substances

In accordance with legislative requirements, acquisition, supply and relocation of radioactive substances must be managed including:

* Acquisition:
  + Approval from the Chief Executive of Queensland Health must be obtained prior to acquiring radioactive substances on the approved form available from Radiation Health, Queensland.
* Supply:
  + If the radioactive source is to be sold, lent or hired to another person in Queensland, the possession license must ensure that the proposed new owner has:

1. A license to possess radioactive sources for an industrial gauge; and
2. An approval to acquire the radioactive source.

* Relocation:
  + Prior to the relocation of any radioactive substance, approval must be granted from the Chief Executive of Queensland Health to a place outside of Queensland. Application forms are available from Radiation Health, with written notification provided to the Chief Executive within seven (7) days after the device has been relocated.

# Incident Procedures

In the event that Huracan is in possession of radioactive substances, and, a radiation incident occurs which may adversely affect the health or safety of any person because of the emission of radiation, the following procedure shall be implemented:

* Immediately take action to protect human life, limit injury, activate the emergency response plan and administer first aid measures as required;
* Allay panic (you may engage the assistance of the RSO as support for this process)
* Erect an exclusion zone of at least 10 meters to prevent unauthorised & unnecessary access to the secured area;
* Contact the RSO (if not already done so)
* Do not attempt to move or interfere with the apparatus unless directed by the RSO;
* The RSO is to conduct or direct a radiation survey around the radioactive source and compare the results with previous monitoring results:
  + If the radiation measure are not significantly different from established values, and the radioactive substance is in the shielded position, the source is to be returned to the radioactive materials store.
  + If the measurements differ significantly from the established values, or the radioactive substance cannot be returned to the shielded position, the RSO should determine the course of action to be taken to render the situation safe i.e. placing additional shielding over the radioactive source. Pending advice from the RSO, access control must be maintained.
* The RSO is to immediately notify the possession licensee and the Chief Executive of Queensland Health of the incident, see Section 10 for further detail;
* The source involved in an incident is to be excluded from use in an appropriate manner until the RSO confirms the safety of the source by obtaining a certificate of compliance for the source from an appropriately accredited person;
* The possession licensee and the Chief Executive of Queensland Health must be immediately advised if a radioactive substance in unaccounted for.

# Reference library

Legislation, regulatory and other references are consulted to ensure the Company is complying with all due obligations and our commitment for continual improvement. Change and updates are communicated to the Company via a number of methods including, but not limited to:

* Radiation Safety Act 1999
* Radiation Safety Regulation 2010
* ISO9978 Radiation protection – Sealed radioactive sources – Leakage test methods.
* PR002:1999 Standard for premises at which radioactive substances are stored
* NM009:2010 Standard for sealed radioactive substances incorporated in sealed source apparatus used to carry out industrial gauging
* Radiation Protection Plan for the Transport of Radioactive Materials (Qld).
* Safe Transport of Radioactive Material COP (Federal) ARPNSA No.2
* Australian Code of Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road & Rail Edition 7.4
* National Measurement Act 1960

# Appendices

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* Appendix G - Roxar Cs-137 Gamma Ray Source Drawing

## 15.1 Appendix A - Relevant Contact Details

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| **Company** | Huracan Pty Ltd | 151 Warooby Lane, Euthulla, QLD, 4455 | Contact: 0414 717 907 |
| **Possession Licensee** | Jon Hollingworth | PO Box 1070, Roma, QLD 4455 | Mobile: 0414 717 907 |
| **Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)** | Paul Nunn | 9 McDowell St, Roma, QLD 4455 | Mobila: 0408 686 616 |
| **Chief Executive of Queensland Health** | Director | C/- Director  Radiation Health  450 Gregory Terrace  Fortitude Valley Qld 4006 | Work: (07) 3406 8000  Fax: (07) 3406 8030  Mobile: 0413 279 672 (emergencies & after hours) |
| **Radiation Health** | Radiation Health Advisor | Radiation Health Advisor  Radiation Health  450 Gregory Terrace  Fortitude Valley Qld 4006 | Work: (07) 3406 8000  (9-5, Weekdays)  Fax: (07) 3406 8030 |

## 15.2 Appendix B - Radioactive Source Details

Huracan do not currently possess any radioactive substances for industrial gauging. The details of the source required for surface well test operations is outline below.

## 15.2.1 Cs-137 Roxar Source General Overview

The isotope used in the Roxar mini gamma source container is Cs-137. Only sealed radioactive

sources with double source capsules are used. The nominal activity of the source is 2.00 mCi (74MBq). The capsules are classified according to the ISO 2919 standard and leakage tested according to ISO 9978.

## 15.2.2 Cs-137 Roxar Source Removal and Controlled Installation

Ensure that when the Roxar Cs-137 source is removed from the source container it is pointed away from personnel and installed into the surface meter in a timely manner.

Return to the source shield as soon a reasonably practicable.

## 15.3 Appendix C - Authorised Personnel

Other than the possession licensee and RSO, Huracan do not currently have any authorised personnel as we are not in possession of radioactive substances. In the event this changes, the below details will be included.

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| **Name** | **Queensland License Number** |
| **Possession Licensee** | |
| Jon Hollingworth | 1210039 |
|  |  |
| **Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)** | |
| Paul Nunn | 809524-5619780R |
| **Operators** | |
| Jon Hollingworth | 1002377-U008857120 |
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## 15.4 Appendix D - Radiation Survey Meters Register

In the event Huracan is in possession of radioactive substances, the following list shall be populated for the radiation survey meter details.

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| **Manufacturer** | **Model** | **Serial Number** |
| Tracerco | Roxar Cs-137 | TBA |
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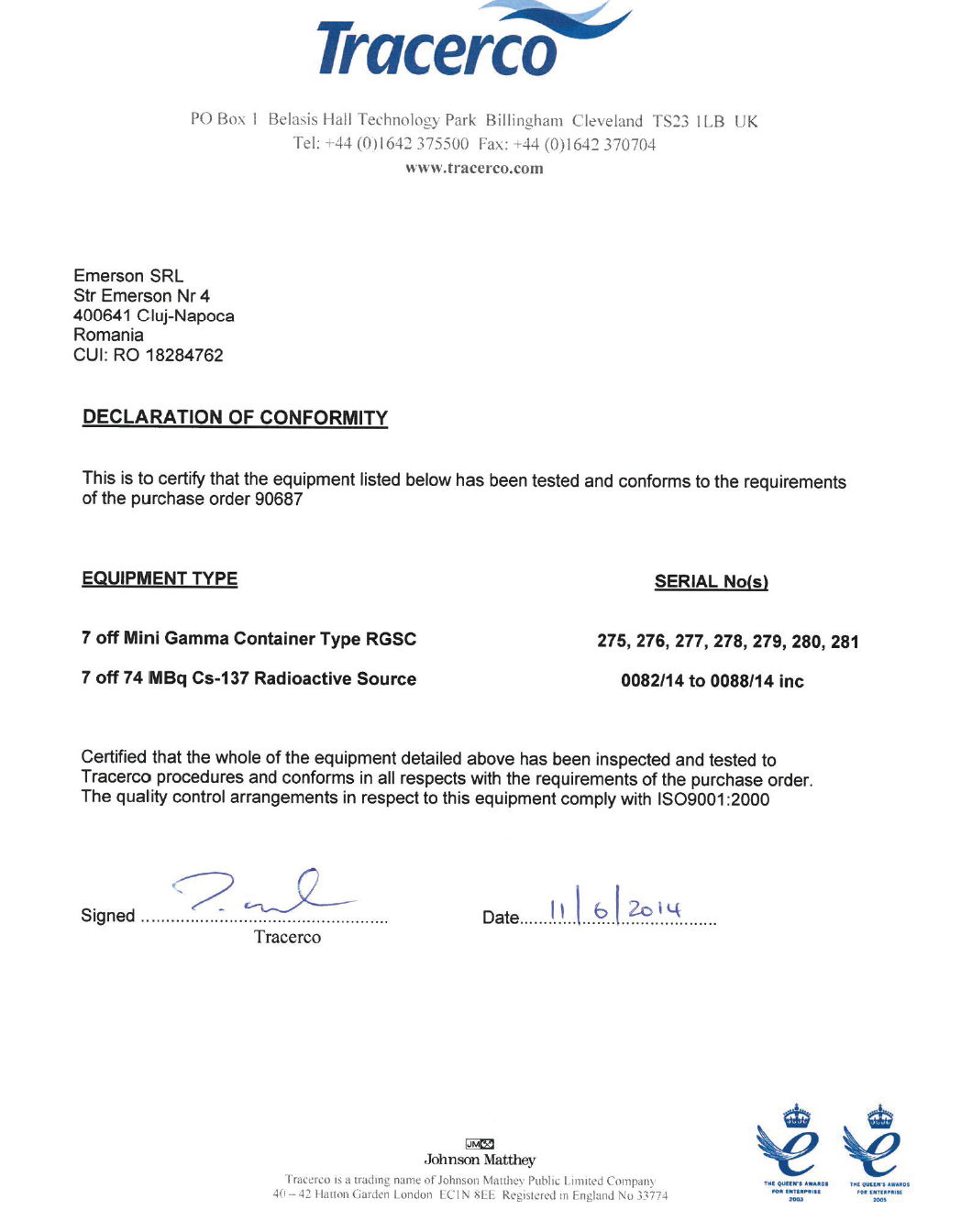
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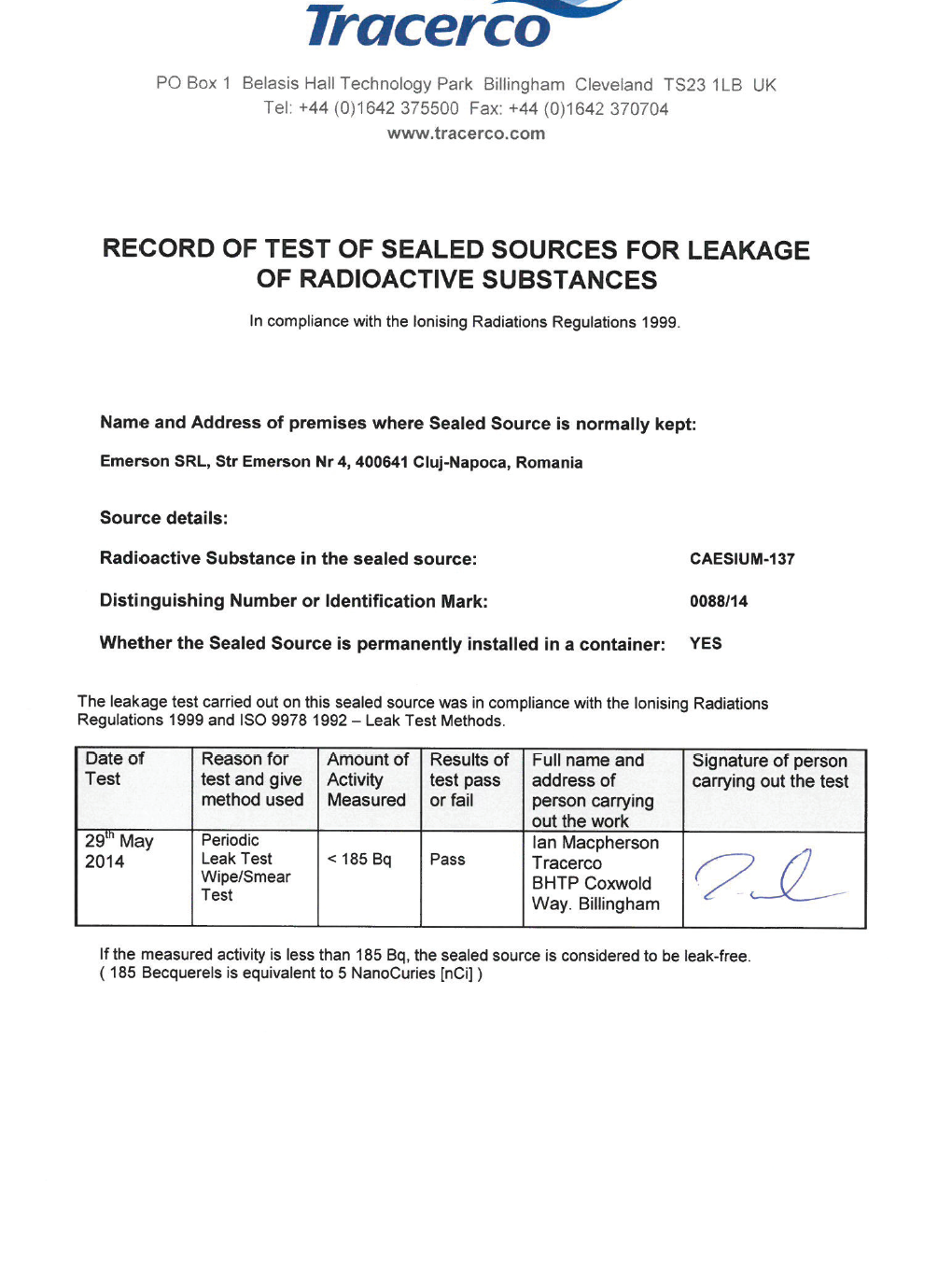
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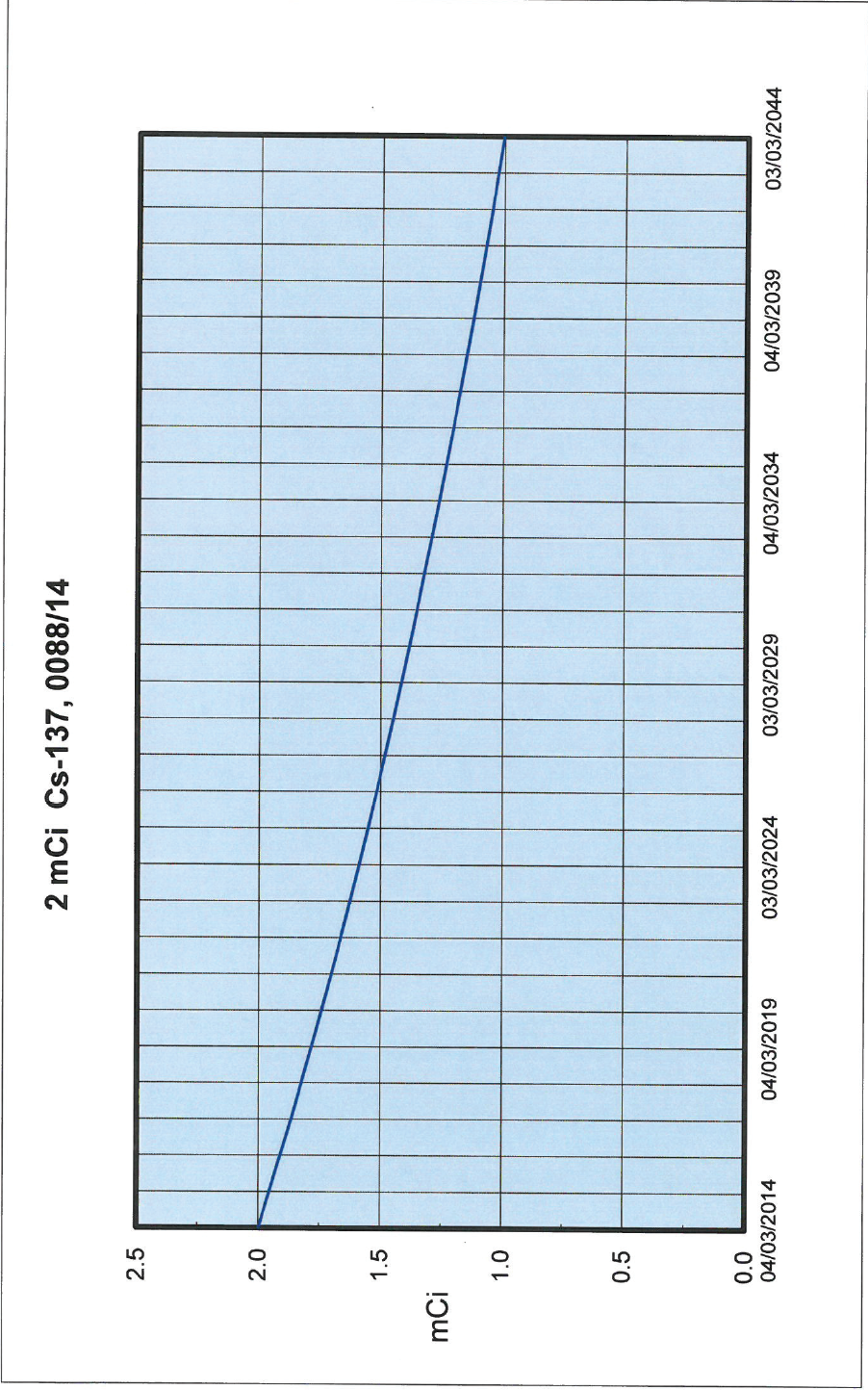
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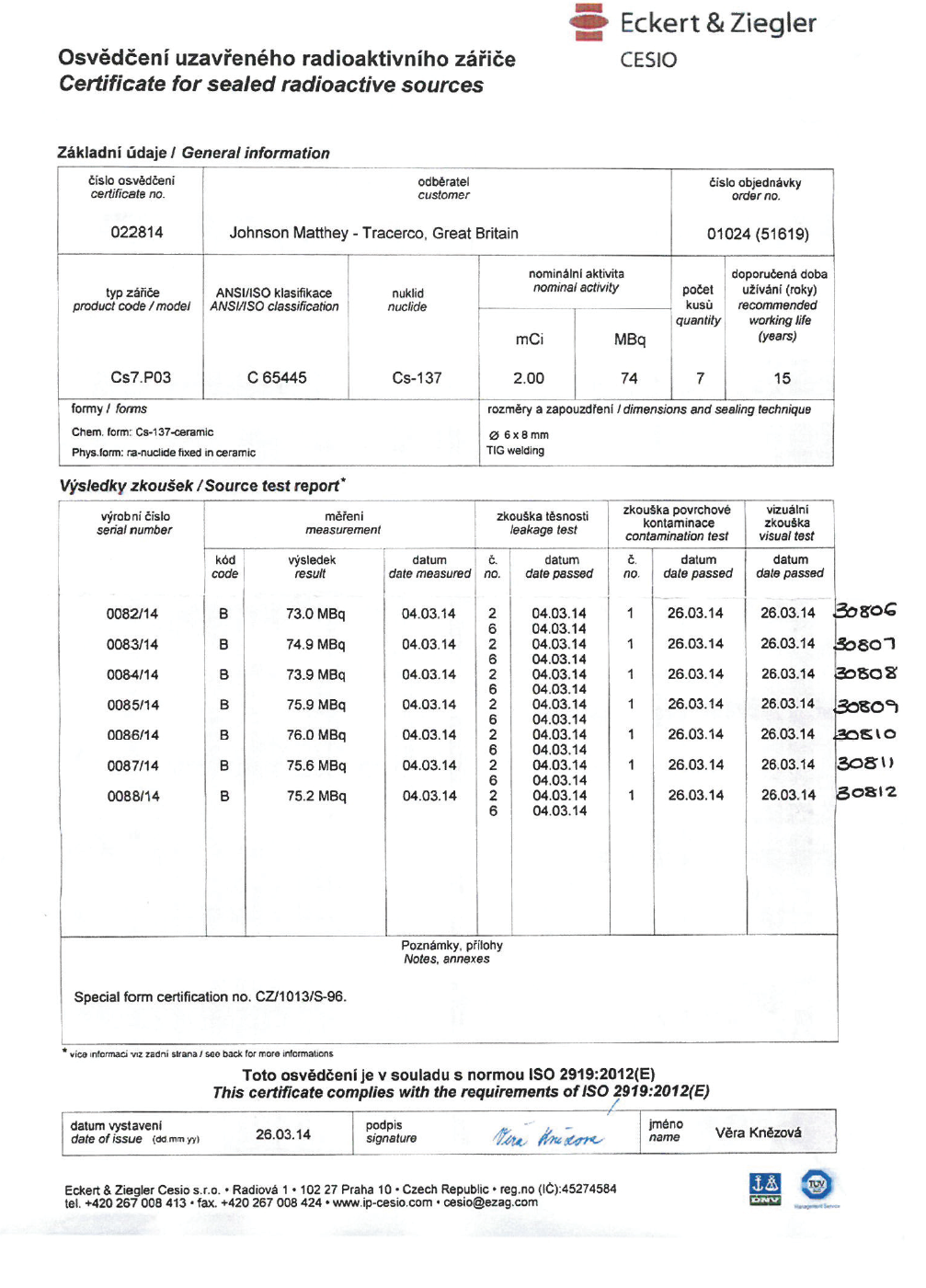
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## 15.6 Appendix F - Roxar Cs-137 Gamma Ray Source Declaration of Conformity

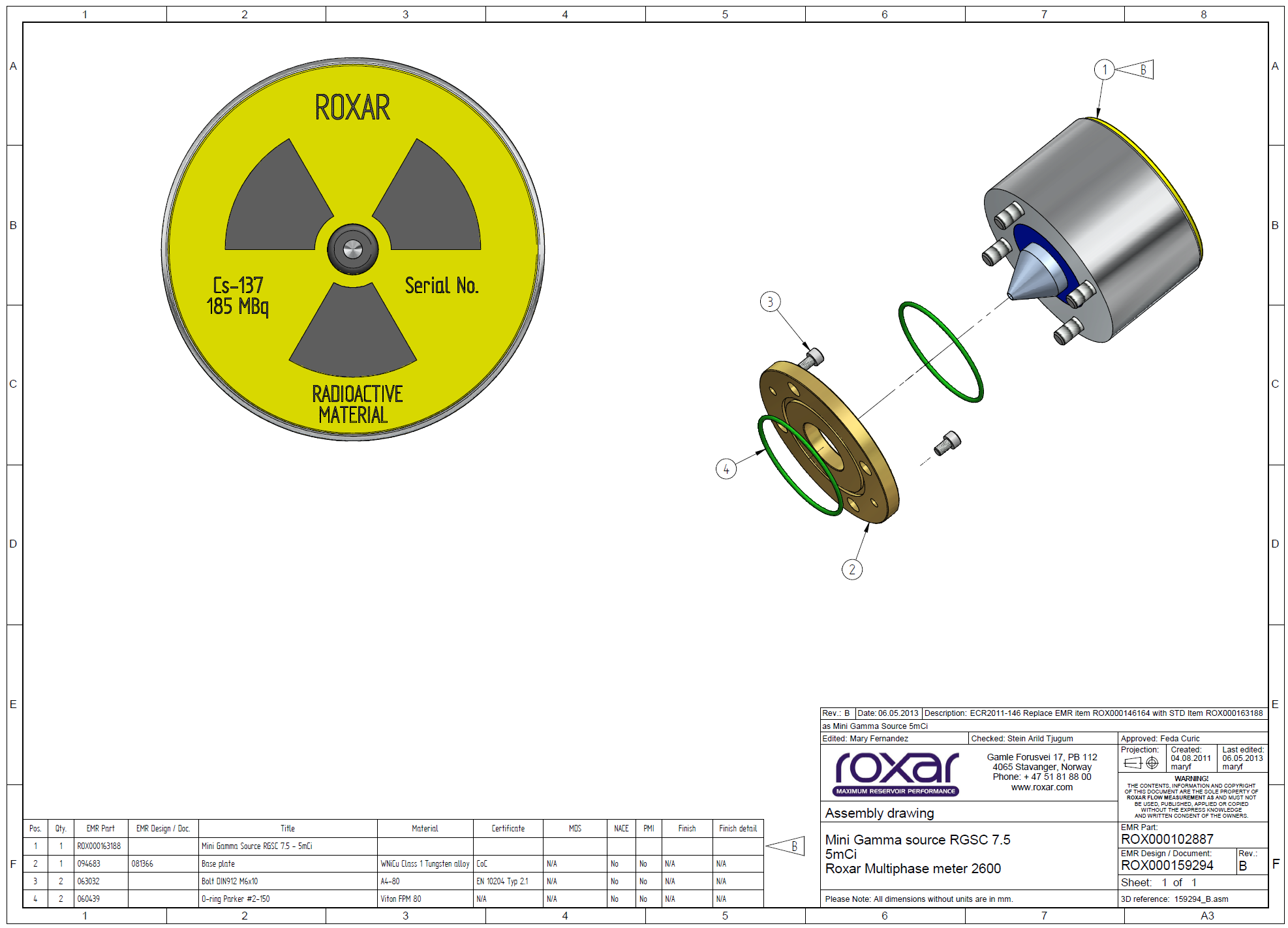








## 15.7 Appendix G - Roxar Cs-137 Gamma Ray Source Drawing



## 15.8 Appendix H - Evaluation of Sealed Source Generator

DEVICE TYPE: Downhole Neutron Accelerator

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| MODEL: NGA002 (Formerly RAS002), **NGA005** |  |  |  |
| DISTRIBUTOR: | Probe Technologies Holdings, Inc | | |
| (formerly Hunter Well Science Inc.) | | | |
| 1132 Everman Parkway | | | |
| Fort Worth, Texas 76140 | | | |
| MANUFACTURER: | EADS SODERN | |  |
| 20 Avenue Descartes | | | |
|  | BP 23 |  |  |
| 94451 Limeil-Brévannes Cedex | | | |
|  | France |  |  |
| SEALED SOURCE MODEL DESIGNATION: | Not Applicable | |  |
| ISOTOPE: | MAXIMUM ACTIVITY: | | |
| H-3 | 185 GBq (5.0 curies) | |  |
| LEAK TEST FREQUENCY: | Not Required |  |  |
| PRINCIPAL USE: | (F) Oil Well Logging | |  |
| CUSTOM DEVICE: | YES | NO | X |

DEVICE TYPE: Downhole Neutron Accelerator

## DESCRIPTION:

The NGA002 and NGA005 neutron generators are part of the Probe Technologies Holdings, Inc., Reservoir Analysis System. The neutron generators consist of a pressurized stainless-steel vessel that contains controlling electronics, power supplies and an EADS SODERN Model Sodilog neutron tube containing tritium hydride. When energized, the device produces pulses of 14 MeV neutrons, with a total output up to 2 x 108 neutrons/second. The neutron generator is sold as a unit and is serviced only by Probe Technologies Holdings, Inc.

The Sodilog neutron tube is a vacuum-sealed metal and ceramic component of the NGA002 and NGA005 neutron generators that is approximately 16.51 cm (6.5 inches) long and 2.54 cm (1 inch) in diameter. It weighs approximately 250g (8.82 oz). It includes an ion source, a VHV accelerator space, a target, and a gas reservoir. The target and the reservoir are impregnated with a mixture of 50% deuterium and 50% tritium, 185 GBq (5.0 Ci). When the tube is in operation, the penning type ion source is supplied at approximately 2 kV. The target is polarized at a VHV on the order of 70 to 110 kV, depending on the emission required. The target consists of a film of mixed deuterium and tritium hydride. The target emits 14 MeV neutrons up to 2 x 108 n/s (transients up to 4 x 108 n/s) when struck with the accelerated deuterium and tritium ions.

The neutron generators are physically connected to the pressure housings of the Probe Technologies Holdings, Inc., Reservoir Analysis System for deployment in oil wells. The pulses of neutrons penetrate the surrounding formation in the oil-well and characteristic nuclear reactions are monitored by detectors in the Reservoir Analysis System.

The neutron generators consist of control and data communications electronics modules that are responsible for the control of the neutron generator tube. The neutron tube, control assemblies and data communications electronics modules are all contained within a single high strength pressure housing assembly, which is machined from Type 630 stainless steel. The NGA002 housing has an overall diameter of 4.29 cm (1.69 inches) and an overall length of 288.84 cm (113.72 inches). The NGA005 housing has an overall diameter of 5.9 cm (2.1 inches) and an overall length of 98.8 cm (38.9 inches). They can be optionally fitted with a pressure housing machined from Inconel Alloy 718 for better resistance to corrosion from well fluids. The neutron generator is locked into the pressure housing with hermetic connectors on each end of the assembly forming a high-pressure gas vessel. The pressure housing assembly is so constructed that special tools are required for disassembling or servicing the device.

Each housing assembly is individually qualified and is tested to withstand the hostile conditions encountered in the oil and gas well environment. The testing it performed to a maximum rated external pressure of 103.43 MPa (15,000 PSI) and its maximum operating temperature of 160°C (320°F). The housing is further tested to an internal pressure of 2620.1 kPa (380 PSI). After completion of pressure testing, the neutron generator wiring and high voltage supply are installed and functionally tested over the full temperature range, 25°C (77°F) to 160°C (320°F). After successful completion of these tests, the EADS SODERN Model Sodilog neutron tube is installed along with the pressure connectors and associated sealing components.

DEVICE TYPE: Downhole Neutron Accelerator

DESCRIPTION: (Continued)

The assembly is then filled with no more than 0.5 liters of Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF6) gas to a service pressure of approximately 827.4 kPa (120 PSI). After filling and testing for integrity, the generator tube control and data telemetry electronics are installed in the open of the housing. After which, the entire assembly is tested for proper

operation.

The NGA002 device is fitted with aluminum end caps, which serve to protect the end connections during transport. The installation of these end caps increases the overall length of the NGA002 neutron generator from

288.84 cm (113.72 inches) to 304.8 cm (120 inches). The aluminum end caps are removed at the well site and before being lowered into the well for operation, the device is attached to other devices and a cable connection.

In an inactivated condition, the tube contains hydrogen–3 (tritium) and poses little or no radiological exposure risk. A compatible control panel, which is also designed and maintained by Probe Technologies Holdings, Inc., must be connected through an electrical wireline to the down-hole tool assembly. The neutron generator (a component of the down-hole tool assembly) can only be activated after the tool is properly connected to its respective control module, lowered below a safe depth into an oil or gas well, the proper sequence of safety interlocks is accomplished and the proper commands sent from the surface control panel are received. The generator is activated for the shortest possible time to acquire data from the zones of interest within the well, because of the limited operational life of the neutron generator tube itself.

The pressure housing assembly is hermetically sealed and so constructed that special tools are required for disassembling or servicing of the device. Per prior written agreement with the user, only Probe Technologies Holdings, Inc., technicians are authorized to service or disassemble the device.

Following the merger of Probe Technologies Holdings, Inc. with Hunter Well Science, Inc the assembly model number was changed to NGA002 from RAS002.

## LABELING:

The pressure housing assembly is permanently laser-etched with the model and serial number, along with the standard labeling identified in Attachment 2 and Attachment 4.

## DIAGRAM:

Attachment 1 of 4 identifies the Model NGA002 neutron generator.

Attachment 2 of 4 identifies the labeling for the Model NGA002 neutron generator.

# Attachment 3 of 4 identifies the Model NGA005 neutron generator.

**Attachment 4 of 4 identifies the labeling for the Model NGA005 neutron generator.**

DEVICE TYPE: Downhole Neutron Accelerator

## CONDITIONS OF NORMAL USE:

The EADS SODERN Models NGA002 and NGA005 neutron generators are limited to use for geophysical well surveying. They will encounter the shock and vibration typical of transport to the well site and deployment in the well bore. In the wellbore, the devices may encounter high temperatures and pressures. Each assembly is tested to withstand the following environments.

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| High Temperature | 160°C (320°F) |
| Low Temperature | 25°C (77°F) |
| Shock | 50g in 3 axes |
| Pressure | 103.43 MPa (15,000 PSI) |

The assembly is not rated for hostile service and is not certified or tested for well conditions containing unusually high concentrations of H2S or CO2. The neutron tube has a limited use life which is usually defined as hours of operation and can vary annually depending on use and well conditions encountered. Typically, the tube will

operate for approximately 1,000 hours. Per agreement with end user, any periodic service that may be required

or when the device reaches the end of its life, only the specialized trained technicians at Probe Technologies Holdings, Inc., are authorized to service or to replace the neutron generator tube. When replaced, the neutron tube is returned to the manufacturer.

## PROTOTYPE TESTING:

The device formerly designated as Model RAS002 has been in use since April 2013 without any documented incidents in the Nuclear Material Events Database (NMED). The internal neutron tube is of ceramic and electronic construction and would not be appropriate for ANSI tests of a regular device. The internal neutron tube is housed in a sealed pressure vessel that is charged with insulating gas. The external pressure assembly is tested for burst and collapse pressure before assembly. The external burst pressure is specified as 103.43 MPa (15,000 PSI) and the internal burst pressure is calculated as 68.95 MPa (10,000 PSI). **The Model NGA005 is substantially similar to NGA002. It is designed to operate under the same parameters with the same Sodilog neutron tube, control electronics and range of neutron output flux and neutron energy.**

## EXTERNAL RADIATION LEVELS:

When in operation, the neutron generators produce high levels of neutron radiation. They must only be used in applications that provide proper shielding, by trained personnel, with procedures and training in place to ensure radiological safety of personnel. To protect personnel from exposure, this device should only be energized when below the earth’s surface in a wellbore or in a calibration tank.

DEVICE TYPE: Downhole Neutron Accelerator

EXTERNAL RADIATION LEVELS: (Continued)

The manufacturer reported the following exposure rates for the neutron tube operated in the laboratory. The dose rates reported were obtained from the associated Safety Evaluation of Device Registration No. CO-1230-D-101- S.

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| **Distance** | **Neutron Dose Rate** |
| 5 cm (1.96 inches) | 450 mSv/hr (45 Rem/hr) |
| 30 cm (11.81 inches) | 32 mSv/hr (3.2 Rem/hr) |
| 100 cm (39.37 inches) | 3.4 mSv/hr (0.34 Rem/hr) |

The device also produces x-rays when in operation, but the exposure rate is reported to be negligible when compared to that of the neutron radiation. Beta radiation from the tritium, which is sealed within the neutron tube, produces no measurable radiation fields outside the device. In the event of severe damage to the device, where breakage of the neutron tube is suspected, only a small amount of tritium gas will be released.

Operation of the neutron generators is restricted to only enable the neutron generator in the Probe Technologies Holdings, Inc., Reservoir Analysis System Calibration Tank or 200 feet below the earth's surface in a wellbore, this is assured through training and procedures of the end-user and electronic interlocks in the instrumentation.

## QUALITY ASSURANCE AND CONTROL:

These devices are manufactured under a strict internal QA/QC program at Probe Technologies Holdings, Inc. The neutron tube is manufactured under an EN 9100:2016 accredited quality management program. Probe Technologies Holdings, Inc., reports that due to the nature of the device, and the small number of devices manufactured/distributed, each and every production item is completely tested to the limitations for the device before being delivered to the end user.

## LIMITATIONS AND/OR OTHER CONSIDERATIONS OF USE:

* These devices may be distributed to persons specifically licensed by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission or an Agreement State.
* Handling, storage, use, transfer and disposal should be determined by the licensing authority.
* Handling, Storage, Use, Transfer, and Disposal: To be determined by the licensing authority. The neutron generator produces high levels of neutron radiation when activated and should be handled only by experienced personnel using adequate remote handling equipment and procedures.

DEVICE TYPE: Downhole Neutron Accelerator

LIMITATIONS AND/OR OTHER CONSIDERATIONS OF USE: (Continued)

* Probe Technologies Holdings, Inc. will perform all servicing of the devices including maintenance and repairs. The manufacturer/distributor will also accept returned devices for disposal.
* These devices shall not be subjected to environmental and use conditions outside the range of the normal operating conditions specified in the Conditions of Normal Use.
* REVIEWER NOTE: Because of high neutron dose rates, high voltage must not be applied to these neutron generators above ground except according to written procedures and when these devices are installed in the Probe Technologies Holdings, Inc., Reservoir Analysis System calibration test tank or equivalent.
* REVIEWER NOTE: Following operation, neutron activation of neutron tube components and the housing assembly will produce external gamma radiation. Appropriate monitoring and safety precautions should be employed to ensure worker safety.
* REVIEWER NOTE: The generators are exempt from leak testing requirements. However, a significant reduction in the operational efficiency of the generator may indicate leakage of the source. A device that is suspected to be leaking should be removed from service and tested for leakage using techniques capable of detecting the presence of tritium. The licensee should develop procedures for detecting and addressing this possibility.
* This registration sheet and the information contained within the references shall not be changed without the written consent of the Texas Department of State Health Services.

## SAFETY ANALYSIS SUMMARY:

Based on our review of the information and test data cited below and the past history of similar designs, we conclude that the Models NGA002 and NGA005 neutron generators are acceptable for licensing purposes.

Furthermore, we conclude that these devices would be expected to maintain their integrity for normal or accidental conditions of use which might occur during the uses specified in this registration sheet.

## REFERENCES:

The following supporting documents for the Models NGA002 and NGA005 neutron generators are hereby incorporated by reference and are made a part of this registry document.

* + Hunter Well Science, Inc., application received September 28, 2012, with enclosures thereto.
  + Hunter Well Science, Inc., letters dated November 16, 2012, February 7, 2013 and March 20, 2013, with enclosures thereto.
  + Probe Technologies Holdings, Inc application received May 29, 2019 with enclosures thereto.

# Probe Technologies Holdings, Inc application received June 15, 2022, with enclosures thereto.

* + **Probe Technologies Holdings, Inc letters dated August 18, 2022 and August 30, 2022.**

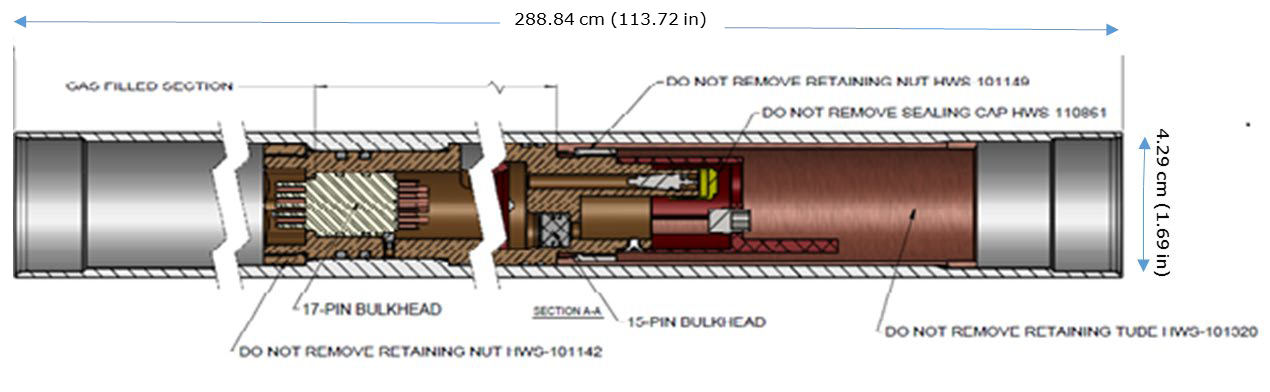
DEVICE TYPE: Downhole Neutron Accelerator

## ISSUING AGENCY:

Texas Department of State Health Services Radiation Safety Licensing Branch

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DEVICE TYPE: Downhole Neutron Accelerator

**EADS SODERN**

**NGA002 Neutron Generator**

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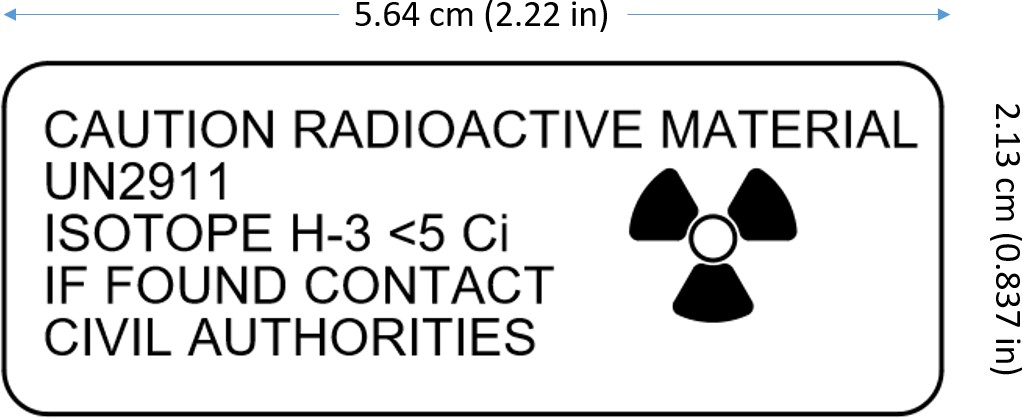
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**Model NGA005 Neutron Generator**

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**EADS SODERN Model NGA005**

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