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Information on recovery of Industrial Radiography Source

On 25-06-2019, a radiography agency of Navi Mumbai was carrying in a car an industrial radiography exposure device model Delta-880 containing about 1.53 TBq (41.4 Ci) Ir-192 source for radiography work at a place near Pune. The car was occupied by a radiographer, helper and driver. On the way to Pune from Navi Mumbai, the car met with an accident at 00.30 hrs i.e. on 26-06-2019 near Chakan, Pune. The radiographer and helper succumbed to injuries, and the driver was in critical condition. After receiving information from local police, the Radiological Safety Officer (RSO) of radiography agency reached the accident site around 04:00 hrs. and could not locate the radiography device containing the source. The radiography agency lodged a police complaint regarding the theft of radioactive source from the accident site at the nearest police station.

After searching the nearby areas, around 15.00 hrs. of 28-06-2019, the radiography agency could recover the device from a scrap dealer located around 10 k.m. away from the accident site. No radiological safety concern is envisaged as no damage to the radiography device and the radioactive source was noticed.

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