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WEB-SITE UPDATE

STATUS OF LOST RADIOACTIVE SOURCE FROM ONGC, RAJAHMUNDRY

This is in response to the recent media reports in which a Radioactive Source has been reported lost from ONGC premises at Rajahmundry.

The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) was informed by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC), Rajahmundry on 17th January 2019 of a missing 80 GBq Cs-137 radioactive source from their well logging base on 16th January 2019. Radioactive sources are routinely used for oil logging and are regulated for their safety by AERB.

ONGC has already lodged an FIR with the local police, who are attempting to locate the source. AERB is also providing the requisite regulatory guidance to ONGC in this regard.

AERB would also like to inform the general public, the radioactive source is in a heavily shielded rigid container and well secured and hence not easily retrievable. Moreover, the source is in non-dispersible form. All efforts are in progress to retrieve the source.


(P.K.Dash Sharma)