# UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION OFFICE OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

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NRC INFORMATION NOTICE 2002-33:

NOTIFICATION OF PERMANENT INJUNCTION AGAINST NEUTRON PRODUCTS INCORPORATED OF DICKERSON, MARYLAND

### Addressees:

All teletherapy and radiation processing licensees.

### Purpose:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing this information notice (IN) to inform licensees that the State of Maryland has placed a permanent injunction upon the company: Neutron Products, Inc. (NPI), 22301 Mount Ephraim Road, Dickerson, Maryland 20842, radioactive materials license number, MD-31-025-01. The State has requested that NRC licensees be informed of this action because of potential impact on those using NPI sources.

It is expected that recipients will review this information for applicability to their licensed activities. However, suggestions contained in this IN are not new NRC requirements; therefore, no specific action nor written response is required.

#### Discussion:

The radioactive materials source manufacturing license of the Maryland company Neutron Products, Inc. (NPI) is under permanent injunction and is required to decommission its source manufacturing facility. The injunction specifically prohibits the company's source manufacturing facility from receiving, manufacturing or shipping cobalt-60 (except waste).

As a result of the permanent injunction, NPI will no longer be a supplier of cobalt-60 sealed sources for teletherapy and radiation processing licensees from their source manufacturing facility. If NPI was your provider of cobalt-60, you may need to procure another supplier. At this time, under another license, NPI may still conduct periodic maintenance of sources and may remove cobalt-60 sources and deleted uranium shielding from teletherapy facilities (tear outs).

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This IN notice requires no specific action nor written response. If you have any questions about the information in this notice, please contact the technical contact listed below or the appropriate regional office.

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Attachments:

- 1. List of Recently Issued NMSS Information Notices
- 2. List of Recently Issued NRC Information Notices

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