

Thank you for registering your source(s) with the Off-Site Source Recovery Project (OSRP) at Los Alamos National Laboratory. This is simply a short note to inform you that your source(s) have been added to our database for recovery consideration.

Please understand that OSRP recoveries may take some time and are scheduled based on a variety of factors, including: availability of OSRP source storage, number of sources registered, and total activity at your location. In addition, priorities established by the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) can change. These priorities also play a role in determining potential recovery schedules.

As we review your submission, here are some other important issues for you to consider:

- Once sources are registered, those entries can no longer be viewed by the registrant. Access to the database is limited for security purposes. Registrants can request status updates, at any time, by contacting OSRP by phone, fax, or email.
- Changes to source registrations including addition/removal of sources and updates to site contact information can be submitted via phone, fax, or email. Routine inventory updates will be requested from each site once per year, via phone or email.
- Unwanted sources are known as “excess sources” in our database; however, sources that are still in use may also be registered at any time by simply indicating that they are not excess. These non-excess (still in use) sources will be listed in our database, but will not be considered for recovery until we are informed by the owner that they are no longer wanted.
- If any source(s) are still inside a source housing (e.g., gauge or other device) it will have to be removed before it can be accepted for disposition. Since your site may not be authorized to disassemble devices and remove or store bare sources, it may be necessary for you to return the device to the manufacturer or hire a broker to perform such disassembly services prior to any recovery action.
- If unwanted source(s) are not inside a housing or device, you may be able to package and ship them yourself. If interested in performing a self-ship, please contact OSRP for more information.
- Specific source documentation is required for OSRP recovery and may be requested prior to any recovery action. Examples include: markings on the source itself, source certificates, original shipping papers, photos, schematics, or other original documents showing isotope and activity.
- Sealed sources containing radium or other small amounts of non-transuranic (e.g., ¹³⁷Cs, ⁶⁰Co, ⁹⁰Sr, etc.) radioactive material may not qualify for direct OSRP recovery. However, such sources should still be registered. OSRP provides generic inventories of these sources to a DOE-funded subcontractor in charge of coordinating round-up efforts for these types of low-activity sources.
- Devices and/or sealed sources containing high-activities (greater than 10 Ci) of non-transuranic radioactive materials may also not qualify for direct OSRP recovery. However, such devices/sources should still be registered with OSRP. Our project may be able to consider recovery through a licensed subcontractor.

If you have questions about the above, or need additional guidance please send email to OSRP at osrp@lanl.gov; or contact the OSRP Team Leaders, Cristy Abeyta at 505-667-4711 or Jim Matzke at 505-665-8300.

[Note: Registration does not imply nor guarantee that the project can assist with removal/disposition of all radioactive material.]