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REVISION TO SPEC C-1 SOURCE CHANGER REGISTRY

Mandatory Changes to Radiography Licensees

On November 18, 2002, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality approved our revision application to the Sealed Source and Device Registration (LA-612-D-102-U) for the SPEC C-1 Source Changer.

The C-1 is defined as an inner unit (the source changer) and an outer housing (the shipping overpack). As a result of this change, both components are considered to be the device, and the inner unit may only be removed from the outer housing as part of the source exchange process.

Notification letters were sent to all licensees when this change was implemented. Please check your operating procedures to ensure that they have been revised, if required, to reflect the following changes. As always, the principles of ALARA should be utilized in

the implementation of those procedures. For radiography licensees, these changes were **mandatory**.

- a. The outer housing (overpack) may only be opened by trained, monitored and authorized personnel.**
- b. The source exchange process begins with removing the inner changer unit from the outer housing (overpack) and ends with replacing it in the overpack.**
- c. The inner changer unit must be stored in the overpack when not in use.**

Both the operating manual and transportation instructions for the SPEC C-1 are posted on our website. You may view and/or print them from www.spec150.com.

Product Information

Cobalt 60 Sources With Improved Focal Size

SPEC has developed a new proprietary process to improve the focal size of Co-60 sources. We can offer 100-110 curie sources with a focal size of 0.193 in.

SPEC now has sources for the AEA 680 series units in both failsafe and ball & socket designs with up to 110 curies. We currently have a supply of Co-60 sources for the SPEC-300 device in strengths ranging from 100 to 250 curies.

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The AEA 680 series devices have a maximum capacity of 110 curies of Co-60. The SPEC-300 has a maximum capacity of 300 curies of Co-60. The SPEC-300 is the highest capacity Industrial Radiography Cobalt 60 Type B device on the market.

Some refurbished Co-60 devices are also available. Please call SPEC's Sales Department at (504) 464-9471 for pricing and other information.

New Pistol Housing Design For Control Assemblies

SPEC has redesigned the pistol housing to allow the stainless steel wear ring to be field replaceable. The old parts such as bearings, gear, cover plate, and shaft will be the same and can still be used.

Old pistol housings will not be able to be upgraded. The new pistol housing is available now. If you need additional information please contact the sales department.

New Services

Niton Positive Material Identification (PMI) Rental Unit

A PMI unit will be available for rental in early November 2003. This new service will be ideal for customers that already have a unit, but temporarily need an additional

unit.

For those customers not familiar with PMI, it is a testing unit that allows the user to accurately determine the chemical composition of the metal being tested.

The rental charge is \$180.00 per day. Special long-term plans can be arranged. Please call SPEC's Sales Department for additional details.

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Helpful Hints

This section will contain hints on maintenance, operation, etc. of SPEC exposure devices and equipment.

SPEC-150 and SPEC-300 Control Adaptor Operating Lever Handle

A helpful idea to make it easier for the operating lever to be used is to turn the lever around.

The operating lever handle can be turned around by:

1. Removing the roll pin
2. Pulling off the handle
3. Turning the handle around
4. Replacing the roll pin

This will give you more room to turn the operating lever. Please contact the sales department if you have any additional questions.

Can Visa or MasterCard Help?

SPEC has added the ability for our customers to charge orders on Visa and MasterCard. In addition, payments can be made on invoices that are past due, lease payments, or prepayments. You can prevent COD charges by paying in advance for an order using your VISA or MasterCard.

Your account information can be kept on file for convenience. All you need to do is call and say "Charge It!" This service is now in effect. For further information please contact Bonnie, SPEC Comptroller, at (504) 464-9471.

We hope this service will be a benefit that will be useful to you.

Regulatory Issues

This section is to disseminate information on regulatory issues that SPEC feels will be helpful to our customers. We would like to get your perspective on how the regulations affect your business.

We envision using this information to further the cause of efficient and reasonable rules and regulations, as well as helping to make radiography safer.

6717 Drums Will Lose Type B Status

On November 30, 2003, the 6717 drum certificate will expire and lose its Type B designation.

This impacts all users of pipeliners. Pipeliners with Type B quantities of IR-192 will not be able to be transported. The drum can be used as a Type A package with a Type A quantity.

Please contact SPEC sales department for additional information.

Industry Events

This section is to keep you informed of industry events and to encourage attendance at important industry events.

NDTMA Spring Conference

The next NDTMA conference will be held at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, NV from February 4-6, 2004.

Contact George Moran for details (504) 464-9471

ASNT Spring Conference 2004

Look for the SPEC table top at the ASNT Spring Conference held in Austin, TX. The conference is in the Hilton Austin from March 8-12, 2004.

The theme of this conference is *Encounter NDT*. Please stop by our booth to see the new pistol housing design. We hope to see you there.

Contact Kelly Wise, ASNT
Headquarters, for details
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Please contact the 16th WCNDT Conference Secretariat for further details. Phone 1 (514) 286-0855 and Fax 1 (514) 288-7945

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WCNDT 2004 16th World NDT Conference

The 16th World Conference on Nondestructive Testing will be held in Montreal, Canada August 30-September 3, 2004.

For more detailed information please visit their website at www.wcndt2004.com.

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