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PRESS RELEASE

**Incidents of Radioactive Material discovered in Scrap
Dealers shops in New Delhi**

This is in continuation to the earlier press releases issued by AERB on April 10 and April 16, 2010 regarding the recovery of radioactive material in the scrap metal market in Mayapuri, Delhi. The origin of the radioactive material (cobalt 60) recovered in Mayapuri, Delhi has been traced to Chemistry Department of Delhi University, Delhi. It originated from an old gamma cell model 220 made by Atomic Energy Canada Ltd. containing decayed cobalt 60 sources. This incident caused severe radiation injuries to several persons and death of one worker of a scrap shop due to handling of radioactive material.

The incident was caused by the unauthorized disposal of the gamma cell by Delhi University as scrap which violates the Atomic Energy (Safe Disposal of Radioactive Waste) Rules and Atomic Energy (Radiation Protection) Rules.

In view of the serious violation, Delhi University has been issued a show-cause notice to submit explanations on the violations within a period of two weeks. In the meantime, the Delhi University has been directed to suspend henceforth all the activities involving use of radiation sources.

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