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## Enforcement actions against two industrial radiography institutions

The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) has revoked the Licence of an Ahmedabad based industrial radiography institution owing to gross violations of radiation safety requirements while carrying out radiography work such as engaging an unqualified worker for operating radiography device housing radioactive material, not providing adequate security provisions for radiography device, non-availability of radiation survey meter and personal dose monitoring devices.

Based on a complaint, AERB had carried out a surprise inspection at the radiography institution. Further investigations revealed that the institution is culpable of not only a series of safety violations but also gross disregard to AERB directives, resulting in an overall poor safety culture at the institution.

Another Delhi based industrial radiography institution has also been directed to suspend radiography operations for one year. Investigations by AERB revealed that the institution has, in violation to regulatory requirements, transferred and transported a radiography device to the above Ahmedabad based institution without AERB permission and without following safety norms stipulated by AERB towards safe and secure transport.

As part of its enforcement actions, AERB has withdrawn certification of the radiation workers i.e. Site-in-charge (SIC) and Certified Radiographer of Ahmedabad based Institution and Radiological Safety Officer (RSO) of Delhi based Institution for a period of one year.

AERB has disseminated the information on the above enforcement actions to radiography institutions in the country with an objective to inculcate and strengthen the compliance with safety regulatory requirements in their institutions so that such gross violations are prevented.

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