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TOPIC: Safety Management Issues

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QUESTION No.: SI-18

Senator LUDLAM—Is it the case that one of the staff present during that incident handling radioactive substances had not completed occupational health and safety induction training or the one-day radiation safety course, nor the ANSTO or ARI induction check lists?

Dr Adrian Paterson- I will take that on notice

ANSWER

The staff member in question had completed his ANSTO induction training, which includes basic safety elements. The occupational health and safety induction training and the one-day radiation safety course had not been completed. He had successfully completed 12 different training courses (including radiation dosimetry and an introduction to the Code of Good Manufacturing Practice on pharmaceutical manufacturing). The staff member had also completed workplace training that included training in safety procedures and practices in the production environment. ARI induction check-lists apply only to contractors and therefore did not apply to the staff member in question.

The ARI training process has now been upgraded to meet the OPAL standard of non-admission to blue (radiation) areas for work purposes until formal training has been completed and validated.