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Regulatory Compliance without Quality Assurance – Problems

This presentation shall cover the major problems that resulted from the purchase and use of a Radioactive Material Transport Package. Purchase of these containers does not require a fully implemented Quality Assurance program. Use and inspection requires adherence to a USNRC qualified Part 71 Quality Assurance program. The ‘old school’ thought process is that you get what you pay for, and you believe what people tell you, especially if you have paperwork to back it up. This is a model that is no longer viable. The consequences of trusting others without an internal confirmation has been significant.

A chronological sequence of events shall be presented with sidebars detailing how problems could have been avoided at each step. The necessity of an independent and fully implemented Quality Assurance program will be discussed. A recap of the penalties and consequences which resulted from these issues will be provided at the end.