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Mallinckrodt Investigated for Nuclear Medicine Products

The NRC sent inspectors to Mallinckrodt to investigate a problem with isotopes extracted from generators used for diagnostic imaging by nuclear pharmacies and hospitals. The company received information from customers last month that the liquid showed higher levels of the nuclear isotope than expected.

The company had sent the containers of molybdenum-99 coated with a protective aluminum tubing to more than 100 customers around the United States.

A special government inspection team this week began evaluating the cause of the problem, Mallinckrodt's response to it, the company's past actions and its follow-up on commitments to the government.

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