

## **Security Policy**

### **Discussion**

The Radiological Safety Manual states that radioactive materials must be stored in such a manner as to prevent unauthorized use or removal. Numerous radioactive material users have requested clarification of this requirement following the violation received from the Alabama Department of Public Health in November 2003.

### **Policy**

Radioactive material in its original delivery vial or in any other single container with an activity requiring labeling according to the Alabama Radiation Control Rules, 420-3-26-.03 Appendix C ("Quantities of Licensed Material Requiring Labeling") must be kept under direct supervision, in locked storage (e.g. a locked cabinet or refrigerator), or in a locked laboratory. Material with a low specific activity (e.g. contaminated waste) is not included in this requirement. However, reasonable measures should be taken to secure those materials.

### **Action by the Radiological Safety Committee**

The Committee found that the above policy is an appropriate interpretation of the requirements in the Radiological Safety Manual.