



**Press Release** –For Immediate Release

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## Incident at Airport handled safely by staff and emergency responders

**Bathurst NB** - The Bathurst Regional Airport closed due to a potentially radioactive package was found damaged while being unloaded. The employees who noticed the package implemented the appropriate protocols to ensure all the proper security measures were followed. The package contained Molybdeneneum, a potentially radioactive component when exposed to moisture.

For precautionary purposes, the two airport employees that were in contact with the parcel were placed in quarantine in order to ensure their safety. It was confirmed at 8:15pm that there was no damage to the product inside the parcel and there was no possibility of exposure to radioactive residue. The Bathurst Regional HAZMAT Unit confirmed that there was minor damage to the outside box caused by a strap that dented the first layer of the parcel. No one was injured during this incident.

Airport staffs receive intensive training on transportation and handling of dangerous goods.

The following organizations were involved in the incident:

Bathurst Regional HAZMAT team  
St Anne Fire Department  
Bathurst Fire Department  
Ambulance NB  
RCMP

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