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Performances of scintillators applied to Special Nuclear Material (SNM) measurements in the field of Nuclear Safeguards, material verification and Nuclear Security

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