

The detection of electron antineutrinos from nuclear reactors has potential applications for nuclear treaty verification. In particular, antineutrino signals can provide the means for confirming the presence and monitoring of the operational characteristics of nuclear reactors. The low interaction cross-section for antineutrinos prevents them from being shielded, allowing for detectors to be placed at a significant standoff distance (tens of km) for nonintrusive, remote reactor monitoring. Several groups in the US and the UK have been investigating the use of a multi-kiloton water-based Cherenkov detector with gadolinium doping for reactor antineutrino detection by inverse beta decay. The energy scale of the emitted positron and the 9-MeV de-excitation cascade from neutron capture by gadolinium motivates the development of gamma calibration sources with energies of several MeV. One such potential source is provided by the  $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$  reaction. At alpha energies above 5 MeV, a significant branching ratio exists for the deexcitation of  $^{16}\text{O}$  via the emission of a 6.1-MeV gamma ray. The fast neutron also produced from this reaction can be used to tag events in the large water-based detector.  $^{241}\text{Am}$  is an appealing alpha source as it has emission energy above the 5 MeV threshold, high specific activity, and does not possess the regulatory overhead of other alpha sources. We discuss continued refinement of the simulation methods developed to predict source yield as a function of the source design parameters. These include implementing more advanced physics models and transitioning the simulation software to a more generalized framework. We additionally present initial measurement results to demonstrate the production of the calibration signals of interest.