

March 6, 2000

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-00-013

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by Region II staff in Atlanta, Georgia on this date.

| <u>Facility</u> | <u>Licensee Emergency Classification</u> |
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| Associated Couriers | Notification of Unusual Event |
| (A General licensee) | Alert |
| Shelbyville, Kentucky | Site Area Emergency |
| | General Emergency |
| | X Not Applicable |

Subject: VEHICLE ACCIDENT INVOLVING RADIOPHARMACEUTICALS

On March 6, 2000, the Department of Transportation, National Response Center, informed the NRC of a vehicular accident involving the transportation of radiopharmaceuticals by Associated Couriers (a general licensee) on March 6, 2000. The event occurred on Interstate 64 near Shelbyville, KY during the early morning hours when a wheel came off the truck and the driver lost control of the vehicle. The driver was taken to the local hospital.

The State police, personnel from Syncor (a Kentucky license in the area) and State of Kentucky Radiation Health personnel responded to the event. The vehicle and the site of the accident were surveyed for contamination. The vehicle was taken to a local fire department where surveys were performed of the packages of radiopharmaceuticals. The State reported that some of the packages had minor damage to their outer packages but there was no leakage of radioactive material.

This information is current as of 10:30 a.m., Monday, March 6, 2000.

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