

September 29, 2000

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-00-042

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 (Atlanta, Georgia) on this date.

Facility

Union Regional Medical Center
(An Agreement State Licensee)
Monroe, North Carolina

Licensee Emergency Classification

Notification of Unusual Event
Alert
Site Area Emergency
General Emergency
X Not Applicable

Subject: POTENTIAL OVEREXPOSURE

On September 29, 2000, State officials reported to Region II a potential overexposure to a nuclear medicine technician at the Union Regional Medical Center, Monroe, North Carolina.

The employee's dosimetry results for the period May-June, 2000, provided by Landauer, Inc., indicate exposures of 7,762 mrem whole body, and 11,460 mrem to the individual's ring dosimeter.

Upon receipt of these data, the licensee's Radiation Safety Officer initiated an investigation of this matter, and preliminary results of this review indicate that these results may not be accurate. Consequently, Landauer, Inc. has been requested to reprocess the individuals dosimetry devices. The basis for this request is that no abnormal occurrences were reported at the facility for the period in question, all of the exposure data for the individual's co-workers were reported as normal, and based on interviews with the individual, his dosimetry was not lost or removed from the laboratory. Landauer, Inc. is expected to have the results of the reprocessed dosimetry devices in approximately two weeks.

This information is current as of 2:00 p.m., EDT, September 29, 2000, and was provided to both the NRC Operations Center, and to Region II, by officials of the State of North Carolina.

CONTACT: R. E. Trojanowski
(404) 562-4427