

June 11, 2002

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-02-030

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 the Region IV staff on this date.

Facility

UCLA Harbor Medical Center
Los Angeles, California
License No.: 0359-19
California Agreement State Licensee

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

SUBJECT: MEDICAL MISADMINISTRATION INVOLVING IODINE-131

DESCRIPTION:

On June 10, 2002, the California Radiation Health Branch (CRHB) notified NRC's Operations Center of a medical misadministration involving the use of iodine-131. UCLA Harbor Medical Center informed CRHB that their authorized user had prescribed a 1.2 gigabecquerel (32.0 millicurie) dosage for ablation of a patient's thyroid. However, the patient was mistakenly administered a 4.44 gigabecquerel (120 millicurie) dosage of iodine-131. CRHB is conducting an investigation into the incident.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence from NRC's Operations Center at 12:30 p.m. (CDT) on June 10, 2002. Region IV has informed OEDO, NMSS, OSTP and the Region's SLO and PAO.

This information has been discussed with the State and is current as of 2:45 p.m. on June 10, 2002.

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