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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-89-41

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 I staff on this date.

Facility:
Neutron Products, Inc.
Dickerson, MD
(Agreement State Licensee)

Licensee Emergency Classification:
 Notification of Unusual Event
 Alert
 Site Area Emergency
 General Emergency
 Not Applicable

Subject: ELECTRICAL FIRE AT LICENSED FACILITY

On May 31, the HQ duty officer was informed of a fire at Neutron Products, Inc. (NPI). Telephone conversations between NMSS and the State of Maryland revealed that the fire was in an electrical panel at the licensee's facility. One individual was injured and sent to the Washington Hospital Center, local fire companies had responded and the State radiation control program was dispatching two inspectors. The fire was confined to a small area and was extinguished within minutes of starting, although a significant amount of smoke was generated. Eight firemen actually entered the Limited Access Area and were monitored upon leaving. Some outer clothing was left at NPI, apparently due to some minor contamination. No damage was caused to safety-related equipment.

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