

February 7, 2003

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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-03-008

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

Regents of the University of California -
San Diego
La Jolla, California
License No.: 1339-37
California Agreement State Licensee

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

SUBJECT: OCCUPATIONAL DOSE IN EXCESS OF LIMIT

DESCRIPTION: On January 31, 2003, the licensee's Radiation Safety Officer notified the State that a physician received a whole body dose of 5,700 millirem for calendar year 2002, which exceeded the annual limit of 5,000 millirem. The entire dose was received during the last quarter of the year.

The physician, who works in the Radiation Oncology Department, suspects that the dose was received during Cs-137 seed implant cases. The incident is being investigated by the licensee's Environmental, Health and Safety Office. The licensee plans to submit a written report to the State within 30 days.

Region IV received initial notification of this occurrence from NRC's Operations Center on February 6, 2003. Region IV has informed the OEDO, NMSS, OSTP and the Region's PAO and acting SLO.

This information has been discussed with the State and is current as of 11:30 a.m. on February 7.

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