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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-III-03-009

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 III staff on this date.

Facility

**Scott Process Systems, Inc.
Hartville, Ohio
License: 03320770000
(Agreement State Licensee)**

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

SUBJECT: RADIOGRAPHY EQUIPMENT DAMAGE

DESCRIPTION:

On February 20, 2003, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) notified the NRC Operations Center that an industrial radiography guide tube was damaged in the licensee's radiography vault in Hartville, Ohio. The guide tube was crimped when a piece of metal fell on it during radiography operations utilizing an 83 curie iridium-192 source on January 8, 2003.

The licensee's source retrieval procedure was implemented and the source was successfully recovered. A total of three millirem was received by two licensee staff members during recovery operations.

The licensee submitted a 30-day written report to ODH. The State is investigating the incident.

The NRC Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards and the NRC Office of State and Tribal Programs were notified of the incident.

ODH reported this event to the NRC Operations Center on February 20, 2003. This information was discussed with ODH and is current as of 9:00 a.m. CST on February 21, 2003.

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