PRIORITY ATTENTION REQUIRED MORNING REPORT - REGION IV October 20, 2003

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Notification:

MR Number: 4-2003-0010
Date: 10/17/2003
Call from DOT
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Subject: TRANSPORTATION INCIDENT INVOLVING SHIPMENT OF UF6 CYLINDERS

Discussion:

On October 17, 2003, the Department of Transportation notified the NRC that at about 12:20 p.m. (EDT) a truck carrying 4 cylinders (UX-30 design) of 5% enriched uranium in the form of uranium hexafluoride (UF6) swerved and left Highway 212 west of Broadus, Montana. The truck rolled over and came to rest on its side. Powder River County officials responded. Initial observations showed that the UF6 overpacks and trailer did not sustain any damage. No evidence of release of material has been observed.

The shipper is Transport Logistics International (TLI) and the carrier is R&R Trucking. The material was imported through the Port of Seattle and was en route to Wilmington, North Carolina for processing. TLI is aware of the accident and is tracking the recovery.

The driver was injured but his injuries were not life threatening. He was transported to a local hospital. The truck was righted and towed to a location in Wyoming for inspection. The truck and the cylinders will be stored in Wyoming until it is verified that the cylinders did not sustain any damage and the shipment can be resumed.

TLI is sending a representative to verify the integrity of the cylinders and to oversee the preparations for completing the shipment.

There are no reports of media interest.

REGIONAL ACTION: The NRC staff will continue to monitor the shipper's follow up activities.

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