

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-I-05-030

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 I staff on this date.

Facility

ABB Prospects, Inc.
2000 Day Hill Road
Windsor, CT 06095

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Docket No.: 03003754

License No.: 06-00217-06

SUBJECT: RADIOACTIVE WASTE SHIPMENT VEHICLE ACCIDENT (POSSIBLE MEDIA INTEREST)

Region I was notified by the licensee at 10:20 a.m. on December 20, 2005, that around 5:30 p.m. on December 19, 2005, a transporter truck carrying a shipment of Low Specific Activity (LSA) material and Limited Quantity (LQ) material from ABB Prospects, Inc., to Envirocare of Utah, LLC, in Clive, Utah, was involved in a vehicle accident near mile marker 213 on Interstate-80 (I-80) near Rawlins, Wyoming. Two B-25 boxes containing LSA material (soil and concrete from decommissioning activities) and three B-25 boxes with LQ material (soil and concrete) were on the truck.

The weather conditions in the area were windy, icy, and blowing snow. The transporter truck hit a pick-up truck that had lost control due to slipping on ice. The licensee's trucking transporter reported that no radioactive material was released from the packages, the packages were not damaged, and that no seals were broken. However, the tractor sustained some damage. The trailer and packages were towed to a local repair/towing facility and secured within a fenced area. Based on the licensee's initial report, there is no safety or security concern regarding the radioactive waste shipment.

The individual in the small truck was injured and taken to the hospital. There was no available information yet on the individual's condition. The transporter truck driver was uninjured.

ABB's contractor MACTEC dispatched a Health Physicist and assistant from the Colorado office to the towing facility to assess and conduct surveys.

The licensee notified the U.S. Department of Transportation and the State of Connecticut on December 20, 2005. Region I contacted Region IV, who contacted the State of Wyoming. Region I also informed the State of Connecticut.

The Region I Office of Public Affairs is prepared to respond to media inquires.

This information presented herein has been discussed with the licensee and is current as of 3:00 p.m., December 20, 2005.

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