

REPORT OF INTERVIEW
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On May 3, 1999, (b)(7)(C) Eaton Metal Products (EATON), Pocatello, Idaho, was interviewed at his place of business by Special Agent (b)(7)(C) Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Investigations, Region IV (RIV). This report relates, in substance, the information (b)(7)(C) provided regarding the allegation of potential radiation overexposure during the conduct of radiography operations.

(b)(7)(C) recalled that on September 14, 1998, while working the (b)(7)(C) at EATON, Professional Service Industries, Inc. (PSI), Lombard, Illinois, an NRC licensee, was conducting radiography on a 2 ½ inch thick metal vessel (12 foot diameter) inside an EATON building in which he was working. (b)(7)(C) acknowledged that PSI, in the early hours of the shift, had erected an appropriate barricade around the area and had instructed both him and several other EATON employees not to cross the barricade due to the conduct of radiography. At approximately (b)(7)(C) on September 15, 1998, he (b)(7)(C) along with (b)(7)(C) and (b)(7)(C) EATON, were finishing their shift and preparing to exit the building which required transiting the barricaded area. (b)(7)(C) who was in the lead, stated that upon approaching the barricade he did not observe any PSI employees in or around the barricaded area. (b)(7)(C) stated he then approached the PSI radiography truck which was parked near the barricade in an effort to find the PSI employees and determine if it was safe to cross the barricade. Upon reaching the truck, (b)(7)(C) claimed he saw one of the PSI employees [NFI] asleep in the cab of the vehicle. He then claimed he proceeded to the rear of the vehicle where he knocked on the door of the truck and heard the reply "I'm developing." (b)(7)(C) stated that based upon his observance of the sleeping PSI employee and no observance of any other PSI employees working externally of the truck, he assumed PSI had finished their radiography and proceeded to cross the barricade. He added that (b)(7)(C) and (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C) proceeded to cross the barricade at approximately the same time. Within seconds of crossing into the barricaded area, (b)(7)(C) stated he heard someone yelling, "Get out of there". He observed one of the PSI employees [NFI] shouting but could not ascertain if the employee was shouting at him (b)(7)(C) or at the other PSI employee asleep in the truck. As the shouting PSI employee approached him, (b)(7)(C) immediately exited the barricaded area. According to (b)(7)(C) the same PSI employee then held a meter [NFI] close to (b)(7)(C) and indicated everything was alright. (b)(7)(C)

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estimated he was in the barricaded area for less than one minute.

(b)(7)(C) maintained that at no time did he actually observe the radiation source but assumed the area was "hot" based on the actions of the PSI employee. He added that later that day, at his home, he became quite ill and regurgitated but was not confident if his illness was the result of the radiation or anxiety. (b)(7)(C) admitted he did not seek medical attention for his illness. He added that he notified his supervisor, (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C) EATON, of the incident later the same day.

(b)(7)(C) concluded by saying he had observed at least one of the PSI employees [NFI] watching the perimeter earlier that evening and offered he did not observe any other conduct which seemed inappropriate or unsafe.

This report was prepared on May 7, 1999, from agent's notes.

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