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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

March 15, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF SAFEGUARDS EVENT--

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This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE national security or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by IE staff as of this date.

Facility: Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company  
Haddam Neck (DN 50-213)  
Haddam, Connecticut

Subject: VEHICLE SEARCH AT MAIN GATE TO PROTECTED AREA, UNCOVERED SHOTGUN AND UNKNOWN SUPPOSEDLY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

During a routine search of a Holmes Trucking Agency tractor trailer at the main gate leading to the Haddam Neck Atomic Power Plant protected area at approximately 10:00 a.m. on March 15, 1979, an unloaded shotgun was found in the tractor along with a vial of an unknown, supposedly controlled drug referred to by the driver as "Rockets". The Haddam Neck security guard detained the driver and summoned the Connecticut State Police from Troop K, Colchester, Connecticut, who arrested the driver allegedly under the direction of the Governor's office. It was determined that the driver was legally in possession of the shotgun, however, the State Police detained the driver pending the results of an analysis of the supposedly controlled substance.

Media interest is expected because of the alleged action of the Governor's office to direct the State Police to arrest the driver. The State of Connecticut has been informed. A press release is not planned by the licensee or NRC.

NRC, Region I, (Philadelphia) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the Station Superintendent at 12:45 p.m., on March 15, 1979.

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