

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

Date: January 11, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PND-I-80-05

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety 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 on this date.

Facility: Nuclear Diagnostic Laboratories
Peekskill, New York
(LN 31-12000-01)

Subject: TRUCK CARRYING RADIOACTIVE WASTE INVOLVED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

At approximately 1:00 p.m., January 11, 1980, the licensee's truck was involved in an accident on Route 9 in Montrose, New York. The truck was carrying two 5-gallon containers and seven 55-gallon drums of radioactive waste. The licensee's safety officer arrived at the accident scene and determined that the containers and drums were intact and that there had been no release of radioactivity. Radiation and contamination surveys by the licensee confirmed that no leakage had occurred. The driver of the truck was admitted to Peekskill Hospital for observation. The truck will be towed after the radioactive waste is removed.

Media interest is expected because of high public interest in radioactive waste issues. The State of New York has been informed. A press release is not planned by the licensee or the NRC. Region I has responded to media inquiries.

NRC, Region I (Philadelphia) received notification of this occurrence when the Associated Press contacted the Regional Public Affairs Officer.

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