

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION



Date: September 29, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-80-138

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Facility: Gamma Diagnostic Laboratories
Attleboro Falls, Massachusetts 02763
LN 20-15215-01

Subject: THEFT OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS

At 2:00 a.m. on September 25, 1980, a vehicle owned by the licensee carrying packaged technetium-99m radiopharmaceuticals was stolen from the delivery entrance of the Norwood Hospital in Norwood, Massachusetts. The truck was recovered within two hours of the theft. The President of Gamma Diagnostic Laboratories inspected the contents of the vehicle and made radiation measurements. He reported that the packages were all accounted for and found intact.

Region I received an inquiry from a reporter at 2:45 p.m. on September 29, 1980. The licensee's President was contacted and confirmed the theft and recovery of licensed material.

Neither Region I nor the licensee plans to issue a press release. Region I will respond to inquiries.

Region I plans to conduct a special inspection into the circumstances of this event.

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