

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

Date: 5/15/80

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-80-78

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: Boston Edison Co.  
Pilgrim Station - Unit 1 (50-293)  
Plymouth, Massachusetts

Subject: TRANSPORTATION INCIDENT

The resident inspector notified Region I at 3:00 pm that at 1:00 pm today a Chem-Nuclear tractor trailer hauling low specific activity radioactive waste from the Pilgrim Station to the Barnwell, South Carolina, waste burial ground broke down near the intersection of Routes 3 and 44 in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Security personnel from the Pilgrim Station were escorting the vehicle through Plymouth at the time of the breakdown. At 1:30 pm it was determined that the tractor engine was not repairable and a new tractor is being sent from Boston to complete the hauling to Barnwell. Licensee security personnel will remain with the shipment and escort it through Plymouth after the new tractor arrives. Radiological safety personnel from the licensee's plant were also dispatched to the scene. No loss of contents or radiological problems were identified.

Local Civil Defense personnel also arrived at the scene. The licensee notified the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of the event.

The licensee does not intend to make a press release. Media interest is expected due to public interest in radioactive material shipments. The NRC does not intend to make a press release.

This Preliminary Notification is issued for information only.

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