

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

Date: November 21, 1979

'PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PND-111- 44

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: St. Margaret's Hospital
Spring Valley, Illinois
License No. 12-15562-01

Subject: Loss of ⁹⁹Tc-^{99m} Generators

The licensee reported that apparently on November 11, 1979, seven partially decayed ¹²⁵I-^{99m}Tc-^{99m} generators were removed from a storage room at the hospital. It is possible that the generators were removed by a carrier who was delivering a new generator. (The carrier had obtained the keys to the storage room.) The carrier would have returned the generators to a generator supplier.

In an effort to locate the generators, Region III (Chicago) is in the process of contacting the carrier and the two generator suppliers for whom the carrier makes deliveries.

No press release is planned at the present time. However, if the generators cannot be located by Friday, November 23, 1979, a press release will be made in case the generators are in the possession of a member of the public. A routine inspection of this program had been scheduled for the week of November 16, 1979, and will be conducted as scheduled.

The State of Illinois has been notified. Region III received notification of this matter by telephone from the licensee at 1:15 p.m. on November 21, 1979. This information is current as of 1:40 p.m.

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