

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

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Date: October 25, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-III-79-22

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 Pharmacy, Inc.
Elmhurst, IL
License No. 12-18044-01MD

Subject: TRANSPORTATION ACCIDENT - NO LOSS OF MATERIAL

At about 5:20 a.m. CDT in Algonquin, Illinois, a vehicle heading north on U. S. Highway 31 and carrying 300 mCi of Tc-99m and a small quantity of I-123, had an accident. The vehicle, a Dodge Omni, swerved to avoid a car. The vehicle was sideswiped, hit some bumps and several tires blew out, causing the driver to lose control of the car. The accident occurred at a railway crossing near the center of the town. The byproduct material was contained in three packages going to the McHenry County Hospital and the Memorial Hospital in Woodstock.

Local police said that no injury occurred. The intact packages were surveyed at Memorial Hospital. No contamination was found. The local police responded. The licensee surveyed the vehicle and the package and found no contamination.

There appears to be no media interest. Neither the licensee nor Region III (Chicago) intends to issue a press release. The State of Illinois has been notified. Region III (Chicago) received initial notification of this matter by telephone from the State of Illinois at 2:30 p.m. and more complete information from the licensee's Radiation Safety Officer at 3:30 p.m. on October 25, 1979.

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