

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

Date: April 25, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-80-66

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: O'Sullivan Company
Lebanon, Pennsylvania
(Non-Licensee)

Subject RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL FOUND ON NON-LICENSEE PROPERTY

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania notified the Region I office at 2:30 PM on April 25, that the O'Sullivan Company of Lebanon, Pennsylvania has discovered a gauge containing radioactive material inside a steel drum on its property. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Bureau of Radiological Health sent a health physicist to the site, who measured no radiation levels above background outside of the drum and radiation levels greater than 50 mR/hr inside of the drum. These readings imply that the radioactive material involved is a beta emitting isotope. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania reports that there are no labels to indicate the manufacturer, radioisotope, or owner of the gauge. There is no information to indicate that anyone has received any radiation exposure. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has assured that this device remains secured over the weekend. An inspection is planned by the Region I office on Monday, April 28.

Neither the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania nor the NRC plan a press release at this time. Media interest is uncertain.

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