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Gentlemen:

This Information Notice is provided as an early notification of a possibly significant matter. It is expected that recipients will review the information for possible applicability to their facilities. No specific action or response is requested at this time. If further NRC evaluations so indicate, an IE Circular or Bulletin will be issued to recommend or request specific licensee actions. If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact the Director of the appropriate NRC Regional Office.

Sincerely,

R. H. Engelken  
Director

Enclosures:

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No. 80-18
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POSSIBLE WEAPONS SMUGGLING POUCH

The NRC recently received information concerning a device used for smuggling that can preclude detection of weapons by security X-ray machines. The device is described as a gray, metalfoil pouch measuring approximately 20" x 12" which can be folded to wallet size when not in use. When in use, X-ray images produce only a mottled picture with no indications of a solid mass such as that of a weapon or similar contraband.

The same material used to construct the pouch has been used to line hollow compartments of hand-carried packages and parcels such as attache and cosmetic cases.

The pouch is reported to look something like a leadlined pouch sold in the U.S. to protect film from harmful X-ray effect, except that the U.S. manufactured pouch distinctly reveals the silhouette of any solid mass content such as that produced by a gun when subjected to X-ray.

RECENTLY ISSUED  
IE INFORMATION NOTICES

Information Notice No.	Subject	Date Issued	Issued To
80-17	Potential Hazards Associated With Interchangeable Parts On Radiographic Equipment	5/5/80	All radiography Licenses
80-16	Shaft Seal Packing Causes Binding In Main Steam Swing Check And Isolation Valves	4/29/80	All power reactor facilities in your Region with an OL or CP
80-15	Axial (Longitudinal) Oriented Cracking In Piping	4/21/80	All Light Water Reactor Facilities holding power reactor OLs or CPs
80-14	Safety Suggestions From Employees	4/2/80	All power reactor facilities with an OL or CP
80-13	General Electric Type SBM Control Switches - Defective Cam Followers	4/2/80	All light water reactor facilities holding power reactor OLs or CPs
80-12	Instrument Failure Causes Opening of PORV and Block Valve	3/31/80	All holders of power reactor OLs and CPs
80-11	General Problems with ASCO Valves in Nuclear Application Including Fire Protection Systems	3/14/80	All holders of Reactor OL, CP, fuel fabrication and processing facilities
80-10	Partial Loss of Non-Nuclear Instrument System Power Supply During Operation	3/7/80	All power reactor facilities holding OLs and CPs
80-09	Possible Occupational Health Hazard Associated with Closed Cooling Systems	3/7/80	All holders of power reactor OLs and near term CPs
80-08	The States Company Sliding Link Electrical Terminal Block	3/7/80	All power reactor facilities with an OL or a CP