

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

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Date: 5/9/80

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-80-75

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: Non-licensee

Subject: TRANSPORTATION INCIDENT

At about 8:30 P.M. on May 8, 1980 a McLean Trucking Company truck travelling on I-80 near Milton, Pennsylvania underwent a load shift which twisted the trailer body partially off the frame. The trailer was carrying two Ohmart density gauge source holders containing CS-137 which were mounted on a skid. Associated with this shipment was a cardboard box containing two geiger-muller detector tubes. At the time the load shifted this cardboard box broke open. The shipment originated at Ohmart Corporation, Cincinnati, Ohio and was enroute to a Dupont Company facility in Deepwater, New Jersey.

A local Civil Defense team and Pennsylvania State Police responded to the scene. Information provided by the state police is as follows:

There was no detectable radioactive material leakage or contamination levels.

Maximum radiation readings of 4 MR/hr were observed on contact with the source holders.

There was no damage sustained by the source holders which contained the radioactive material.

These packages were reloaded onto another trailer and released to its destination.

Region I has contacted the Dupont Company facility and was informed that the source holders will be surveyed for radiation levels by the Radiation Safety Officer when received.

Media interest is uncertain and a press release is not planned by the NRC. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been notified.

This Preliminary Notification is issued for information only.

Region I received notification of this incident from the Headquarters Duty Officer at 9:13 P.M. on May 8, 1980. This information is current as of 10:00 A.M. on May 9, 1980.

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