

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

Date: May 9, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE- -PNG-III-80-86

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 as of this date.

Licensee: Chicago Medical School  
 2020 West Ogden Avenue  
 Chicago, IL 60612  
 License No. 12-02193-03

SUBJECT: REPORTED APPARENT OVEREXPOSURE OF 8570 MILLIREMS

Region III (Chicago) was informed that the whole body film badge of an employee read 8570 millirems for the period 2/10/80 to 3/9/80. The licensee stated that they have no explanation for the exposure since the individual was not working with radiation at this time. Over the past several years only one badge ever showed detectable radiation.

A review of the license shows that only millicuries quantities of isotopes are authorized. The quantities are such that an exposure of this magnitude is unlikely.

The State of Illinois has been informed. Region III does not plan a press release.

Region III was informed of this incident in a letter dated May 8, 1980 and signed by the Chairman of the licensee's Radiation Safety Committee. This letter was received on May 9, 1980. Region III will conduct an investigation into this incident.

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