

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

September 4, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-80-29

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initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by IE staff on this date.

FACILITY: Depaul Hospital  
Cheyenne, Wyoming  
License No. 49-13636-01

SUBJECT: LOSS OF A TECHNETIUM-99m GENERATOR

The licensee lost a 880 millicurie Tc generator, which was delivered to the licensee on Sunday evening (August 31) and left in the hall near the nuclear medicine department, and was inadvertently discarded in the hospital's trash by the janitor.

A Search through the municipal dump has been initiated by the licensee.

The State of Wyoming was notified and stated that they would assist with the search.

There was no known media publicity at the time of the notification.

Region IV (Arlington, Texas) received notification of the loss by telephone at 10:30 a.m. on September 4, 1980 from the licensee's RSO.

A Region IV inspector will conduct an investigation of the incident at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on September 5, 1980.

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