

Date: August 7, 1980

## PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURENCE--PNO-III-80-146

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Licensee: Abbott Laboratories  
North Chicago, IL  
License No. 12-00621-03

Subject: LEAKING RIA KIT AT PUROLATOR TERMINAL IN MILWAUKEE, WI

Region III (Chicago) was informed that a RIA kit containing 3 microcuries of iodine-125 had leaked over several packages in a Purolator truck at the Purolator terminal in Milwaukee, Wisconsin late last night. The licensee and the State of Wisconsin are responding.

Because of the small quantity of material involved, the potential for an exposure in excess of 10 CFR 20 limits is slight.

No press interest is expected and the NRC plans no press release. The State of Wisconsin has been notified.

Region III received initial notification of this incident in a telephone call from a manager of the Purolator facility at 7:30 a.m. on August 7, 1980. A Region III inspector will be in Milwaukee by mid-morning and will go to the site if necessary.

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