

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

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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.

Facility: Pharmatopes Inc.  
Akron, OH  
License No. 34-19008-01MD

SUBJECT: REPORT OF ACCIDENT OF VEHICLE CARRYING BYPRODUCT MATERIAL

Region III (Chicago) was informed on July 15, 1980 that a Pharmatopes van transporting two attache cases containing used technetium-99m syringes and a syringe containing 5 millicuries of technetium-99m Human Albumin Microspheres, was involved in a collision with another vehicle in Massillon, OH (approximately 15 miles south of Akron, OH) on July 15, 1980. The attache cases were thrown out of the van by an ambulance driver when he assisted the injured Pharmatopes, Inc. driver.

The Chief from Perry Township Fire Department and a nuclear medicine technologist from Doctors Hospital in Massillon, OH responded to the accident. The syringes had fallen out of the attache cases; however, each syringe was in a lead shielded container. The lead shielded containers were intact. Shielded syringe containers were placed in attache cases and secured in the hot laboratory of the nuclear medicine department at Doctors Hospital in Massilon, OH.

G.M. surveys and wipe tests were performed by the nuclear medicine technologist from Doctors Hospital, and no apparent contamination was found on the attache cases. G.M. surveys also indicated no apparent contamination was found on the van or the driver.

A representative from the Ohio Disaster Services Agency was sent to the scene of the accident and he accepted the assessment performed by the hospital.

No press interest was noted. Neither the licensee nor Region III plans a press release.

This Preliminary Notification is issued for information only and no further action by IE is anticipated.

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Region III received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the Department of Energy Radiological Assistance Team at 3:00 p.m. (central time), July 15, 1980. Region III discussed the matter with the State of Ohio and Doctors Hospital personnel on July 15 and 16. This information is current as of 9:30 a.m. (central time), July 16, 1980.

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