

## PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-80-36A

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: State of Montana

SUBJECT: UPDATE OF PNO-IV-80-36, THEFT AND POTENTIAL UNAUTHORIZED ADMINISTRATION OF ONE MILLICURIE OF IODINE-131

The police department of Billings, Montana, contacted the cab driver suspected of stealing the licensed material. The investigation disclosed that the material had not been stolen but had been inadvertently delivered to Deaconess Hospital at Billings, Montana rather than the intended recipient, Deaconess Hospital of Glasgow. The Billings hospital, also an NRC licensee, confirmed that they received the material on September 25, 1980, and had placed it in a shielded storage area but remained unnoticed since all material ordered during the period by the Billings Hospital had been accounted for in their inventory.

Region IV will review Deaconess Hospital's (Billings) procedures for receipt of material.

Received from Chief of Detectives, Billings Police Department, and Radiation Safety Officer of Billings Deaconess Hospital telephone calls concerning the matter at 3:00 p.m. on October 16, 1980.

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