PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-11-90-03

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by the Region II staff on this date.

FACILITY:	VA Medical Center	Licensee Emergency Classification:
	Charleston, South Carolina	Notification of Unusual Event
	Docket No. 030-03230	Alert
	License No. 39-12130-02	Site Area Emergency
		General Emergency
		X_Not Applicable

SUBJECT: ACCIDENTAL INCINERATION OF IODINE-131

The licensee notified Region II that on 1/7/90, radioactive trash containing approximately 1 millicurie of Iodine-131 was removed from a patient's room and incinerated on 1/8/90. The patient had received 100 mCi of I-131 on 1/5/90. The licensee stated that all appropriate warning signs and labels were in place; including on the waste can. Ash samples obtained on 1/9/90 indicated no detectable activity.

A Region II inspector conducted a followup inspection on 1/10/90.

The State of South Carolina was informed.

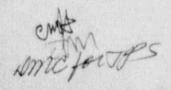
The NRC received initial notification of this event by telephone from licensee at 11:45 a.m. (EDT) on 1/8/90.

This information is current as of 1:00 p.m. on 1/11/90.

CONTACT: Robert Brown - 841-5617.

DISTRIBUTION:

One White Flint North Chairman Carr	M'land Nat'l	Regions MAIL TO:	DCS (Original IE 34) DOT (Transportation Only)
Comm. Roberts Comm. Rogers Comm. Curtiss	OIG AEOD NRC Ops Ctr	Region III FAX TO: Region IV 2:50 Region V 2:55	INPO - 3:/8 LICENSEE (Corporate)
Comm. Remick OGC OCA GPA/SLITP/PA	Nicholson Lane RES - /2:40	Phillips Bldg ACRS	RII Resident
EDO NRR NMSS OE	L Street PDR -/:50	EWW -/:55	110
5520: //90 @	TO REGIONS AND HO	*******	IE- 34



9002050223 900111 FDR I&E PNO-II-90-003 FDC