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01/11/90

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-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  
Charleston, South Carolina  
Docket No. 030-03230  
License No. 39-12130-02

Licensee Emergency Classification:  
 Notification of Unusual Event  
 Alert  
 Site Area Emergency  
 General Emergency  
 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 Comm. Roberts Comm. Rogers Comm. Curtiss Comm. Remick OGC OCA GPA/SLITP/PA EDO NRR NMSS OE	2:40 M'land Nat'l Bank Bldg IRM OIG AEOD NRC Ops Ctr  Nicholson Lane RES - 12140  L Street PDR - 1:50	4:10 Regions Region I - 2:40 Region II Region III Region IV - 2:50 Region V - 2:55 - 3:05  Phillips Bldg ACRS  EWW - 1:55 ASLAP	MAIL TO: DCS (Original IE 34) DOT (Transportation Only)  FAX TO: INPO - 3:18 LICENSEE (Corporate) RII Resident
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