

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PN1-9407

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 I staff on this date.

Facility:

Philips Lighting Company
200 Franklin Square Drive
P.O. Box 6800
Somerset, New Jersey 08875-6800

Licensee Emergency Classification:

Notification of Unusual Event
Alert
Site Area Emergency
General Emergency
 Not Applicable

Docket No.: 030-32010
License No.: 29-20609-03
Event No.: NONE
Event Location Code: MAT

Subject: COLLAPSE OF ROOF INTO A BUILDING CONTAINING SMALL QUANTITIES OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL AT PHILIPS LIGHTING COMPANY, MOUNTAINTOP, PENNSYLVANIA

On January 21, 1994, the licensee notified Region I that on January 17, 1994, the roof of Philips Lighting Company's warehouse building located at 1 Moran Drive, Mountaintop, Pennsylvania collapsed due to the large amounts of snow and ice that had accumulated on the roof. The licensee was unable to identify the extent of the damage to the building until January 21, 1994 due to the inaccessibility of the roads in the area. Within the building are electron glow tubes that are stored for shipment which contain exempt quantities of radioactive materials. The approximate amount stored is 400 microcuries of tritium, 7 millicuries of krypton-85, and 1.0 millicurie of promethium-147 in the form of sealed tubes. The material quantities have very limited radiological hazards. The Radiation Safety Officer is now located near the collapsed building, and is supervising all recovery operations. The licensee is hiring a consultant to perform surveys for the evaluation of the situation and to aid in the removal of the sources for disposal.

The Region I Public Affairs Office is prepared to handle media inquiries.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was notified on January 21, 1994.

No media have been notified.

This information is current as of 4:00 p.m. January 21, 1994.

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