Date: December 28, 1982

NOTICE OF NONROUTINE EVENT INVOLVING AGREEMENT STATE OR AGREEMENT MATERIALS - 82-11

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AGREEMENT STATE: Colorado

FACILITY: Transportation Incident on I-70 in Denver

SUBJECT: SHIPPING INCIDENT INVOLVING DAMAGED PACKAGES

On December 26, 1982, the Colorado Department of Health (CDH) was notified that several packages had fallen from an Associated Carrier van onto east I-70 in Denver. There was a 10 feet by 40 feet area of contamination resulting from a damaged package containing 8 mCi of I-131 (NaI - in liquid form). The state has decontaminated this area and is currently trying to find the driver of the van to check his inventory for the exact amount and type of materials involved.

There has been local media interest, and the state has issued press releases. Region IV does not plan on issuing a press release. Region IV was notified via telcon from CDH on December 27. This information is current as of 12:30 p.m. (CST), December 27, 1982.

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