

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PN1-9421

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:

Interstate Nuclear Service
Corporation
Royersford, Pennsylvania 19468

Licensee Emergency Classification:

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

Docket No.: 030-20934

License No.: 37-23341-01

Event No.: N/A

Event Location Code: MAT

Subject: HIGHWAY ACCIDENT

At 10:51 a.m. on March 24, 1994, a tractor-trailer truck, leased by Interstate Nuclear Service Corporation (INS), Royersford, Pennsylvania, (NRC License No. 30-23341-01) and containing 22 bins of decontaminated clothing, was involved in an accident with a private automobile while returning to the Susquehanna Nuclear Power Plant site. One person in the automobile was killed and another was air lifted to the hospital. The driver of the truck did not appear to have been physically injured but was also taken to the hospital under shock.

The truck left the INS laundry facility at about 9:30 a.m. today. INS reported that it was surveyed before leaving INS and the highest dose rate result was 0.2 mrem/hr on contact with the surface of the trailer (less than 0.05 mrem/hr at one meter from the surface). The highest reading at the surface of the bins of decontaminated clothing was also 0.2 mrem/hr and 0.1 mrem/hr at one meter from the surface of the bins. Personnel from a local Fire Department in the area of the accident conducted a radiation survey of the trailer. They measured a dose rate of 0.23 mrem/hr at the surface of the trailer.

The truck was not badly damaged by the accident and is believed to be in driveable condition. The doors of the trailer did not open as a result of the accident and no decontaminated clothing escaped the vehicle.

The accident occurred on Pennsylvania Route 61 at the intersection of Route 895, near Deer Lake, Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania State Police, Schuylkill Haven Barracks, and the local fire department responded to the accident. Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources and Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency followed up on the incident and provided guidance to the emergency responders.

The tractor-trailer will be towed to the company from which it was leased in Temple, Pennsylvania, where it will be checked for mechanical damage before it resume its trip to Susquehanna.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been informed.

This information is current as of 2:30 p.m. on 3/24/94.

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