

April 7, 1994

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-IV-94-013

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 IV staff on this date.

Facility

Health Science Center
University Of Utah
Salt Lake City, Utah

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: THERAPY MISADMINISTRATION

The Utah Division of Radiation Control notified Region IV of an apparent therapeutic misadministration (to an unintended body part) during intervaginal irradiation with cesium-137 sources. The sources became dislodged from their primary location in the body, near the end of the treatment schedule.

The principal reason for the source dislodgement was that the physician believed the source package did not have to be sutured in place. The Utah Division of Radiation Control has asked for NRC assistance in reviewing the case.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence during a telephone conference with the Utah Division of Radiation Control on March 28, 1994.

Region IV has notified the Office of State Programs.

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