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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-90-109

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:	Licensee Emergency Classification:
Medi-Physics, Incorporated	<input type="checkbox"/> Notification of Unusual Event
900 Durham Avenue	<input type="checkbox"/> Alert
South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080	<input type="checkbox"/> Site Area Emergency
Docket Nos. 030-16024	<input type="checkbox"/> General Emergency
030-08971	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
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Subject: Emergency Landing of Plane Carrying Licensed Material

At 11 a.m. on December 28, 1990, the Radiation Safety Officer at Medi-Physics, Inc. in South Plainfield, New Jersey, informed Region I that a chartered two engine Cessna plane carrying three molybdenum-99/technetium-99m generators (total activity-4.5 Ci) and accelerator-produced radioactive material for use in nuclear medicine procedures made an emergency landing in a farm area between Syracuse and Utica, New York, between 3 and 5 a.m. this morning.

Representatives from the local fire and police department, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the New York State Department of Health responded to the incident. According to the New York State Department of Health representative, radiation levels monitored at the surface of the plane did not exceed 4 millirem per hour. The impact of the landing caused no major structural damage to the plane and the packages containing radioactive material were found to be intact. The ground delivery service contracted by Medi-Physics accounted for all packages. The delivery service retrieved the packages from the plane by 10 a.m. and is now transporting them back to Medi-Physics, where they will be disposed of in accordance with NRC regulations.

The pilot was unharmed. There were no passengers.

This information is current as of 11:30 a.m., December 28, 1990.

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