

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNI-9434

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:
Indian Point Unit 2
Buchanan, New York

Licensee Emergency Classification:
 Notification of Unusual Event
 Alert
 Site Area Emergency
 General Emergency
 Not Applicable

Docket No.: 50-247
License No.: DPR-26
Event No.: 27292
Event Location Code: POW

SUBJECT: CONTAMINATED SHIPMENT DELIVERED ON MAY 23, 1994

A non-radioactive material shipment was received at Indian Point Unit 2 Station from Rust Utility Services, Inc. at 1915 hrs on May 23, 1994. The shipment was surveyed by the Indian Point Unit 2 staff and the external surface of the shipping container was found to be contaminated with up to 21,870 dpm/100 cm² beta gamma contamination and up to 37.5 dpm/100 cm² alpha contamination. 10 CFR 20 requires that NRC be notified when a licensee receives a package of radioactive material which has removable contamination greater than 2,200 dpm/100cm² beta gamma or 220 dpm/100 cm² alpha. The NRC was notified of this event at 1955 hrs on May 23, 1994. The pickup truck and driver were surveyed and found to be free of contamination. The shipping container contained miscellaneous diving equipment to be used inside the Indian Point Station. Surveys of the shipping container contents indicated contamination levels below regulatory limits. Only the outside of the shipping container was found to be contaminated in excess of the regulatory limits.

The NRC Region I office contacted the applicable state agencies in New York and Connecticut on May 24, 1994. Indian Point determined that the shipment container was last shipped from the Nuclenor Nuclear Power Plant in Spain on May 11, 1994 via American Airlines No. 69, from Madrid, Spain to Miami, Florida. The shipment left Miami on May 13, 1994, arrived in Hartford, Connecticut on May 13, 1994, and arrived at the Rust Utility Services equipment warehouse in Essex, Connecticut on May 19, 1994. The container was shipped from Spain by air as a non-radioactive package. Rust Utility Services has isolated the effected warehouse areas and are working to identify and control any other radioactive material found. The Department of Transportation will be notified of the incident.

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