

January 27, 1983

NOTICE OF NON-ROUTINE EVENT INVOLVING AGREEMENT STATE OR AGREEMENT MATERIALS - 83-04

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AGREEMENT STATE: New York  
CITY: Nuclear Energy Services  
Danbury, Connecticut  
SUBJECT: SHIPMENT OF RADIOGRAPHY DEVICE EXCEEDING DOT LIMITS

January 26, 1982, Nuclear Energy Services of Danbury, Connecticut, received a package at their temporary job site at the Nine Mile Point reactor, near Oswego, New York. The package contained 200 curies of iridium-192 in a radiography device. Surveys performed by the licensee showed that a narrow beam of radiation was measured in one direction. The exposure rate that was measured was 800 mR/hr at 14 inches from the surface of the package, which indicated that radiation levels from this package exceeded the DOT limits of 200 mR/hr at contact and 10 mR/hr at 3 feet.

The New York State Department of Labor has started an investigation of the shipment of this package. The package was reported to have been shipped by air freight from Dallas, Texas.

media interest has been reported. Region I will respond to media inquiries.

Region I was notified of this event by the Resident Inspector at Nine Mile Point by telephone 4:30 p.m. on January 26, 1982.

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