

Date: November 25, 1980

## PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-80-171A

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by IE staff on this date.

Licensee: United States Testing Company  
Reading, Pennsylvania  
License No. 37-15445-01

Subject: THEFT OF TRUCK CONTAINING RADIOGRAPHIC EXPOSURE DEVICE

This updates PNO-I-80-171 to include information available at 3:00 p.m., November 25, 1980.

The stolen truck containing 40 curies of iridium-192 in a Technical Operations Model 533 radiographic exposure device has been recovered. Licensee personnel have examined the device and determined that no tampering had taken place. No radiation exposures are likely to have occurred. Reading, Pennsylvania police have two suspects in custody.

The Region I Public Affairs Office has been responding to press inquiries and will issue another press release. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been informed.

Region I received notification of the updated information at 2:30 p.m. by a telephone call from the licensee.

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