

December 6, 1982

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-82-46

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 NRC staff on this date.

FACILITY: Analytic Inspection, Inc.
Lafayette, Louisiana

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

SUBJECT: OFFSHORE ACCIDENT INVOLVING RADIOGRAPHY CAMERA

During transfer to an offshore platform, a radiography camera (a Type A container) was dropped 15 feet from a crane to the deck of the platform. The accident was caused by improperly securing the device to the crane. The 9 curie Co-60 source was discharged from the device during the accident, after which all personnel were evacuated from the platform. Two Louisiana Health Department officials and a representative of the camera vendor retrieved the source and performed a reenactment of the incident on December 5, 1982. The maximum radiation exposure to any person was estimated to be 250 millirims.

No press releases are expected and there has been no media interest.

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