

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-84-90

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: Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp	Licensee Emergency Classification:
Brattleboro, Vermont	<input type="checkbox"/> Notification of Unusual Event
Vermont Yankee Nuclear Station	<input type="checkbox"/> Alert
DN 50-271	<input type="checkbox"/> Site Area Emergency
	<input type="checkbox"/> General Emergency
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

Subject: RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL FOUND IN OWNER CONTROLLED AREA

At about 1:00 p.m. on October 26, 1984 licensee surveys of unused equipment and parts in the North laydown area, identified a 4' x 4' x 8' box with a contact dose rate of 3 mr/hr. Bags of material in the box measured up to 12 mr/hr. Surveys of the box and outside of the bags did not identify any contamination. A small spot of soil contamination was found under one container and immediately removed. The lay down area is located in the fenced owner controlled area and is not accessible to the general public. This area is not near any storm drains. A 55 gallon drum and a box containing equipment were also identified as being slightly radioactive. The licensee has moved the material to inside the Turbine Building, is continuing to survey the area, and has initiated an investigation into the matter.

The Senior Resident Inspector is following this matter on site. A radiation specialist has contacted the licensee and is evaluating the licensee's action.

The State of Vermont has been notified.

NRC Region I received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the Senior Resident Inspector at 2:00 p.m. on October 26, 1984.

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