

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF SAFEGUARDS EVENT--PNS-I-88-01

This preliminary notification contains information of nuclear power plant physical security and/or public interest significance and has been confirmed by the licensee.

Facility:	Licensee Emergency Classification:
Philadelphia Electric Company	<input type="checkbox"/> Notification of Unusual Event
Limerick Generating Station, Unit 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Alert
Limerick, Pennsylvania	<input type="checkbox"/> Site Area Emergency
D/N 50-352	<input type="checkbox"/> General Emergency
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

Subject: HANDGUN DETECTED DURING PACKAGE SEARCH

At about 7:30 a.m., April 6, 1988, plant security personnel detected a loaded handgun in a maintenance worker's bag during a routine x-ray machine search at a protected area entrance point. The handgun was a .22 caliber automatic pistol, Ruger, Mark II. The worker was employed by the licensee and was badged for unescorted access to the protected area and some vital areas. His access was temporarily withdrawn pending further investigation of the incident. The handgun and ammunition were turned over to the local law enforcement agency. The employee does not have a permit for the handgun. The worker claimed that he forgot he had the handgun in the bag and the licensee believes that the incident was unintentional.

The plant was operating at 85% power.

The IAT and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have been notified. The Senior Resident Inspector received notification of this event at approximately 8:15 a.m. and the Headquarters Operation Center was notified via the ENS at 8:24 a.m., on April 6, 1988. This PNS is for information only and is current as of 11:30 a.m., April 6, 1988.

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