

August 5, 1994

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-IV-94-042

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 IV staff on this date.

Facility

Non-Agreement State  
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Licensee Emergency Classification

Notification of Unusual Event  
Alert  
Site Area Emergency  
General Emergency  
X Not Applicable

Subject: TRUCK ACCIDENT INVOLVING RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL

The NRC Region IV office was notified by the state of Oklahoma of a truck and car accident. The truck was a Federal Express carrier transporting mail. Included in the shipment were two packages containing radioactive material. The accident occurred August 5, 1994 at approximately 6:45 a.m. in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. A representative from the Oklahoma Department of Health went to the site of the accident and performed a radiological survey of the packages. The survey results compared favorably with the radiation levels indicated on the package. One package contained Iodine 131 according to the label the contents were; 1 qtn I-131 Sol 100 mci, 15 qtn I-131 DiagCaps 1x100 microCi, 1qtn Iodohippurate 1mCi and surface reading was 10 mr/h. The other package contained 8,272,516 mCi of Molybdenum 99 (at time of shipment), and surface reading was 5 mr/h. Shipper was CIS bio international, Bedford, Mass. Consignee was Syncor located in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Neither package appeared to have suffered any internal damage, based on the radiological survey, or external damage, as indicated by visual inspection. The Health Department representative noted that the facsimile given to him concerning the shipment was hardly readable. The driver of the truck stated that he was not given a manifest when he departed the airport.

There was local media interest.

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