

September 13, 1989

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-89-56A

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: Midway & Environmental Mgt. Co.  
Stroud, Oklahoma

Mercy Health Center  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
License: 35-07018-02

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

SUBJECT: FOLLOWUP TO BIOMEDICAL WASTE NOTICE

This refers to a previous notice issued by Region IV on September 7, 1989, regarding a potentially contaminated waste shipment received at Midway Environmental Management Company in Stroud, Oklahoma. As described in the previous notice, the package was surveyed at the Stroud site and determined to have no removable contamination. The package was subsequently released to the original shipper and transported back to Mercy Health Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Region IV staff examined the subject package content at Mercy Health Center on Friday, September 8, 1989. Surveys performed during this inspection demonstrated radiation levels equivalent to background. Following review of the licensee's disposal records and interviews of personnel, it was determined that the licensee had followed established procedures for release of material decayed-in-storage

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