July 20, 1976

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-76-124

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of an event of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by IE staff on this date.

Facility: Automation Industries, Incorporated (LN 37-00611-09,

DN 03005998)

Phoenixville, Pennsylvania

Subject: FILM BADGE OVEREXPOSURE

Automation Industries reported that the June, 1976 film badge of one of their employees read 16.52 Rem. The employee, who works in the production, leak testing and delivery of radiographic sources, claims that there were no unusual incidents that could have caused the exposure and that his pocket dosimeters read less than 500 mrem for the same period. The licensee's medical consultant is planning blood tests.

An investigation by NRC: I is scheduled for July 21, 1976 to review the circumstances surrounding the high film badge reading and to evaluate the true exposure to the individual.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been and is being kept informed. No press release is planned.

Region I, NRC Philadelphia, Pennsylvania received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the licensee at 11:00 a.m., July 20, 1976.

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