

September 9, 1999

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-I-99-042

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 Region I staff (King of Prussia, Pennsylvania)n on this date.

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Licensee Emergency Classification</u>
Dc Fabricators	Notification of Unusual Event
Dc Fabricators	Alert
801 West Front Street	Site Area Emergency
Florence, New Jersey	General Emergency
Dockets: 99990001 License No: General	X Not Applicable

Subject: LOST GENERALLY LICENSED DEVICE

At 3:30 p.m. on September 9, 1999, DC Fabricators, Inc., a general licensee, notified Region I that a package they shipped containing a generally licensed device had failed to arrive at its destination. DC Fabricators shipped the package on March 14, 1999 via UPS delivery to Texas Nuclear (TN) Technologies in Texas. TN Technologies did not realize that the package had not been received until early August 1999. The package contains a TN Technologies model number 92-77, serial number M875, alloy identification device. The alloy identification device houses two sealed sources. One source contains 4 millicuries of cadmium-109 and the other source contains 45 millicuries of iron-55. The licensee and TN Technologies have been working with UPS since early August to locate the package.

The Region I Public Affairs Office is available to respond to public inquiries.

The States of New Jersey and Texas have been notified.

The information in this notification is current as of 4:00 p.m. on September 9, 1999.

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