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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-I-05-031

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 I staff on this date.

Facility

Cardinal Health
Woburn, Massachusetts

Licensee Emergency Classification

☐ Notification of Unusual Event
☐ Alert
☐ Site Area Emergency
☐ General Emergency
☒ Not Applicable

Docket No.: N/A
License No.: MA 42-0146

SUBJECT: AGREEMENT STATE REPORT - TRANSPORTATION ACCIDENT
INVOLVING USED TECHNETIUM 99M SYRINGES

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts reported that, on December 29, 2005, there was a transportation accident on Route 9 in Westborough, Massachusetts, involving an overturned delivery truck returning used Technetium 99m (Tc-99m) medical diagnostic doses. The doses were supplied by Cardinal Health of Woburn, Massachusetts. Originally it was estimated that 56 millicuries of Tc-99m was involved. State police responded and closed the roadway. A hazardous materials team responded. A Commonwealth of Massachusetts Health Physicist also responded to the scene.

In an update to the original report, the Massachusetts official determined through interviewing the driver of the vehicle that the truck was transporting 7 type A "ammo box" containers holding used Tc-99m syringes. At least one of the boxes broke open. The responders took surveys of the area and detected no readings above normal background radiation levels. State police reopened the roadway.

Local television news media responded to the scene.

The Region I Office of Public Affairs is prepared to respond to media inquiries.

This Event is not for public disclosure per Agreement State request until January 3, 2006.

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