

February 11, 1993

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-IV-93-005A

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

Department of the Air Force  
Brooks Air Force Base  
San Antonio, Texas 78235  
Docket: 030-28641  
License: 42-23539-01AF

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: SHIPMENT OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL IN EXCESS OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) RADIATION LIMITS (UPDATE)

The licensee previously reported that Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas, had received a package of radioactive material from Mallinckrodt Medical, Inc., Dallas, Texas, in excess of DOT radiation limits. The package contained 2 capsules totaling 5 millicuries (mci) of iodine-131 (I-131) for use in diagnostic medical procedures and initially was reported to read 500 mR/hr at the package's surface.

The licensee reported to NRC Region IV at 4:45 p.m. CST on February 10, 1993, that a mistake had been made during the receipt survey in that the survey meter was incorrectly read in terms of the scale multiplier. The correct measurement should have been 50 mR/hr, a reading that is within regulatory limits.

The state of Texas will be notified.

This preliminary notification is issued for information only, and no further action by the staff is anticipated.

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