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Subject: Scrap metal investigation

Aug. 3, 1996, at approximately 10:00pm this Agency was informed that a scrap yard (Emco Recycling) had received a shipment from Ellis Metals of Tucson which tripped the radiation detection system at the yard. Upon arrival, our investigator was informed that the material had been isolated and the driver had returned to Tucson. Emco had been informed that the driver was in the hospital in Tucson with "radiation poisoning." By 11:30pm the Radiation Safety Officer at University Medical Center reported no contamination or other radiation effects on the driver. The driver was being treated for an anxiety attack involving possible heart attack. The material at the yard read approximately 1.5-1.8 mr/hr at contact with a closed window gm.

Aug. 5, 1996, the radioactive material was determined to be thorium. The material appears to be exempt material pursuant to 10CFR40.

13(c)(4). Investigation continues to determine how much material has been shipped for recycling, how much, if any, has been smelted and where, and whether a violation of the exemption has occurred. The material may be covered by 10CFR41.13(c)(8) since it was originally from Pueblo Aircraft, Inc.

If you have any questions please contact me.

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