

October 17, 1996

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-I-96-073

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 in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania on this date.

Facility

Emr Photoelectric
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20 Wallace Road
Princeton Junction, New Jersey
Dockets: 03011318 License No: 29-08636-02

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: LOSS OF PACKAGE CONTAINING 1.3 CURIE HYDROGEN-3
NEUTRON GENERATOR

On October 17, 1996, EMR Photoelectric informed Region I that on September 17, 1996, the expected delivery of a package containing a 1.3 curie hydrogen-3 vacuum-sealed ceramic neutron generator did not occur. On this date, a package shipped from Mexico City by Schlumberger Wireline & Testing Field Organization containing seven neutron generators was delivered to their facility with paperwork indicating that a second package containing one 1.3 curie hydrogen-3 neutron generator was also part of the shipment. This package did not arrive. The licensee conducted interviews with personnel from G & P Trucking and searched the trucking company's Folcroft, Pennsylvania warehouse in an effort to find the missing package. A representative from G & P Trucking was contacted by Region I and he stated that he observed the two packages in question on their loading dock prior to being loaded onto the delivery truck. Also, the trucking company representative stated that they had contacted all facilities where the truck made deliveries on the day in question and that none had received an extra package. In addition, a faxed copy of a receipt indicating that two packages were picked up by G & P Trucking at Philadelphia Airport was reviewed. The licensee is continuing its search for the missing package. The neutron generator presents no external radiation hazard.

All information is current as of 2:30 p.m.

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

The State of New Jersey and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have been informed.

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