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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-88-24

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:
Albert Einstein Medical Center
New York, New York
(Agreement State Licensee)

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

Subject: WORKER INGESTION OF P-32

On March 2, 1988, Region I received a call from the New York City Department of Health concerning an incident at Albert Einstein Medical Center in which a female graduate student apparently ingested a quantity of Phosphorus-32 (P-32). A routine survey with a thin window GM of the student on March 1 revealed counts of 10,000 cpm (efficiency of the counter not known at this time) at contact over most portions of her body with readings of 15,000 cpm at the top of her head. Analysis of a urine sample from the student revealed 6,000 cpm/ml of P-32. At this time it is not known how or when the uptake occurred, but the student had been working with P-32 during the period February 24 to March 1. Further bioassays are planned and the Department of Health has inspectors on-site to conduct an investigation.

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