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**NRC INSPECTION TEAM TO DISCUSS PRELIMINARY FINDINGS
ON APPARENT RADIATION OVEREXPOSURE OF WORKER**

Meeting Friday at 3:00 P.M. At Bristol
Is Open To Observation By Public and Press

The leader of a special Nuclear Regulatory Commission inspection team which has been looking into circumstances associated with an apparent radiation overexposure of an employee at a Bristol, Virginia company will discuss his group's preliminary findings with company officials Friday at 3:00 P.M.

Charles M. Hosey, a Branch Chief in the NRC's Atlanta regional office, will hold the meeting at the Bristol Quality Inn, located off Interstate 81 at Exit 74A near U.S. 1 and U.S. 11W. It will be open to observation by interested members of the public and the press. NRC officials will be available at the meeting's conclusion to answer questions from interested observers.

A special NRC Augmented Inspection Team (AIT) arrived in Bristol on November 13 after Professional Service Industries, Inc., notified the agency on November 6 that a technician who used a radioactive device to measure the density of soil at a number of temporary job sites over the past several months had reported a concern that reddening and blisters on the hand may have resulted from radiation exposure.

NRC inspectors have been interviewing company management and the employee and have participated in conducting a reenactment of how the device was used.

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