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## **PRESS STATEMENT**

At approximately 11:30 PM on December 11, 2016, fire and smoke were detected in a facility that contains low-level radioactive material at the Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory. Emergency personnel have responded to the situation.

The fire is out. The fire was promptly extinguished by the building's sprinkler system, prior to the fire departments' response to the area.

At no time was there any danger to the public.

There were no personnel injuries associated with this event.

Fourteen community firefighters entered the building. Portions of the building contain low-level radioactive material. Detailed radiological surveys of the firefighters and their equipment were performed with sensitive field instruments. No radioactivity was found. The firefighters were subsequently released from the site. Based on surveys of the emergency personnel who responded to the situation and initial surveys at the scene, there is no indication of a release of radioactivity from the building.

State, local, and Federal authorities have been notified. Further announcements will be made if more information becomes available. The media point of contact for this matter is Mr. Gerald Lubinsky who can be reached at 412-476-7640.

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