

January 22, 2007

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-06-004B

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 II staff (Atlanta, Georgia) on this date.

Facility

AREVA NP, Inc.
AREVA -Richland
Richland, WA
Dockets/License: 70-1257/SNM-1227

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: Update and Closeout On Workers Exposed To Hydrogen Fluoride (HF) Release

This information updates PNO-II-06-004A, dated November 7, 2006. The NRC Special Inspection Team (SIT) completed the onsite inspection on November 2, 2006, and concluded the inspection on January 19, 2007, following a review of the licensee's comprehensive root cause and apparent cause analysis. Licensee documentation indicated that all corrective actions which were required prior to restart were completed. Line one was restarted on November 11, 2006, line two was restarted on November 13, 2006, and line 3 restarted with one conversion unit on December 4, 2006, with the second unit running by January 10, 2007. As of January 10, 2007, all three lines were available to operate if needed to meet production requirements. Implementation of corrective actions will be reviewed during followup inspections.

Based on actions taken to ensure a return to safe operations, PNO-II-06-004 is closed.

This information presented herein has been discussed with the licensee and is current as of 3:00 p.m., EST, January 22, 2007. The State of Washington has been notified.

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