

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-10-003

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:

Honeywell International, Inc.
 Honeywell Specialty Chemicals
 Metropolis, IL
 Dockets/License: 40-3392/SUB-526

Licensee Emergency Classification:

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

SUBJECT: BARGAINING UNIT LOCK-OUT AT HONEYWELL- METROPOLIS WORKS

On June 28, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. CDT, plant management locked out the bargaining unit workers represented by the United Steelworkers of America (Local 7-669) after ongoing contract negotiations failed to reach an agreement. The union represents approximately 250 hourly workers at Honeywell including operations and maintenance employees, but does not include the security force members. A picket line was formed at the plant entrance on Route 45 adjacent to the plant property, and news media are providing coverage. Union representatives have stated that the picketers will not interfere with the NRC and plant personnel entering the site.

The licensee had placed the plant in a safe partial shutdown before the lockout. A combination of management, engineers, and trained temporary workers continue to operate ore preparation and green salt processes while fluorination and distillation systems remain in cold shutdown. No incidents were reported during implementation of the lockout.

Region II inspectors reviewed the licensee's strike contingency plans prior to the lockout and are currently providing around-the-clock coverage. If the licensee was to begin additional operations before the lockout is settled, NRC inspectors would review its readiness to restart.

Honeywell issued a press release and notified state and local authorities and the NRC. This information has been discussed with Honeywell management and is current as of 11:00 a.m. on June 29, 2010. The State of Illinois has been notified by the NRC.

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