

January 19, 2001

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-01-004

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

UniTech Services Group, Inc.
(An Agreement State Licensee)
Macon, GA
License Number: GA 894-1

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: MEDIA INTEREST IN VEHICLE ACCIDENT

The Georgia Radioactive Materials Program notified NRC, Region II on January 19, 2001 that a school bus driver lost control of the bus and crashed through the perimeter fence and into the health physics administrative offices of the licensee's nuclear laundry facility. The incident occurred at 6:20 a.m. on Friday, January 19, 2001. There were no students on the bus and no employees in the office at that time of day, and the bus driver reportedly received only minor injuries. The assistant plant manager informed the State that a television film crew and a photographer for the local news paper had been by the facility.

The licensee launders radioactively contaminated garments and other launderable items for the nuclear industry. No part of the facility containing radioactive materials was impacted by the incident. Contractors reportedly are on site to repair the fence and the building, and the licensee has hired a 24 hour security service to provide security pending completion of the repairs.

Region II received initial notification of this occurrence by telephone from the State of Georgia at 9:30 a.m., Friday, January 19, 2001. This information presented herein has been discussed with the State and is current as of 12:30 p.m., Friday, January 19, 2001.

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