

August 7, 2001

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-01-026

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

GME Engineering
(An Agreement State Licensee)
Greenville, SC
License No. 522

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: PERSONNEL DOSIMETER EXPOSURE

The South Carolina Bureau of Radiological Health (the Bureau) notified the NRC Operations Center that the licensee had reported an excessive exposure to a personnel dosimeter used by a former employee. The exposure was reported as 33.5 rems for the period of April, 2001 through June, 2001. The licensee is authorized for use of portable moisture density gauges only. The licensee has three other employees that wear personnel dosimeters and all of the other dosimeters received minimal exposures, and no incidents involving the portable gauges were reported.

The licensee is continuing to investigate the event and has been unsuccessful in contacting the former employee through certified mail and telephone calls. The Bureau is continuing their investigation into the incident.

Region II received initial notification of this occurrence by notification from the NRC Operations Center. This information presented herein has been discussed with the State and is current as of 4:30 p.m, Tuesday, August 7, 2001.

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