

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-01-028

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

Dominion
Mt. Storm Coal Generating Plant
Mt. Storm, West Virginia
Dockets/License:

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: MISSING GENERAL LICENSED DEVICE

On August 30, 2001, the NRC Operations Center was notified by Dominion, Richmond, Virginia, of an event regarding the discovery of a missing General Licensed device at its Mt. Storm, West Virginia facility.

On or about July 1980, the licensee received a Texas Nuclear Corporation Model No. 5197 Level Gauge containing 100 millicuries of cesium-137 for demonstration purposes at its Mt. Storm, West Virginia facility. On August 3, 2001, the licensee received a notification from the manufacturer that a review of their records indicated that the sealed source and device had not been returned to them. Attempts by the licensee to determine the location of the device revealed that the sealed source and device had been received by the licensee, and installed and removed from a hopper at the licensee's facility.

The licensee is continuing its efforts to determine the whereabouts of the missing device.

The State of West Virginia was informed by Region II.

Region II received initial notification of this occurrence from the licensee. Region II will continue to followup on this event with the licensee. The information presented herein has been discussed with the licensee, and is current as of 3:00 p.m., August 30, 2001.

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