

October 15, 2001

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-01-035

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.

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Licensee Emergency Classification</u>
RSB Logistics, Inc. (Motor Transport Carrier) Alberta, Canada Dockets/License:	Notification of Unusual Event Alert Site Area Emergency General Emergency X Not Applicable

Subject: TRANSPORTATION ACCIDENT

On October 14, 2001, the National Response Center notified the Commission of a transportation accident which occurred earlier in the day on I-77 at approximately 4:32 p.m., local time, in the vicinity of Beckley (Raleigh County), West Virginia.

RSB Logistics, Inc. Alberta, Canada, a motor transport carrier, was enroute to Global Nuclear Fuels - Americas, Wilmington, North Carolina, carrying a cargo of two cylinders packaged in 21PF-1 overpacks, containing uranium hexafluoride (4.95 percent uranium-235), when the accident occurred.

While there were personnel injuries and significant vehicular damage, three State agencies—the Department of Environment, the Emergency Management Agency, and the State Police—as well as Raleigh County hazardous materials teams, and an independent environmental consultant, IT Corp, Pittsburgh, PA., all have confirmed that the cylinders were not breached and there was no release of radioactive materials.

Currently, the cylinders are being off loaded onto another truck, which will take several hours, and the shipment is expected to depart the accident scene at approximately 7:00 PM, October 15, 2001, and proceed to Global Nuclear Fuels, Inc.

Limited local media interest has been expressed, but the State does not plan on issuing a press release.

Technical assistance was offered to the State and was declined.

Region II received initial notification of this event from the Headquarters Operations Center, who was initially notified by the National Response Center.

This information is current as of 12:30 PM, October 15, 2001.

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