

OFFICE OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT

Items of Interest

Week Ending February 9, 1979

1. Jersey Central Power and Light Company (Oyster Creek) - Civil Penalty Action - On February 8, 1979, the Commission received a check from the subject licensee in the amount of \$26,000 in full payment of the proposed civil penalty issued on January 12, 1979. The proposed civil penalty was based on nine alleged items of noncompliance, seven of which were associated with the radiation protection program and two related to the plant security program. PFB
2. Preliminary Notifications relating to the following actions were dispatched during the past week:
- a. PNO-79-20 New England Nuclear Corp., Boston, Massachusetts - High Film/TLD Badge Readings - The company reported that the exposures for one worker indicated whole body - 39 rems, skin - 39 rems, left finger - 31 rems, right finger - 28 rems, and wrist - 36 rems. Other co-workers working in the same area showed no more than 30 millirems on their badges. An investigation by both the licensee and NRC is continuing to determine the validity of the above exposures.
  - b. PNO-79-21 W. R. Grace Company, Chattanooga, TN - Derailment of Radioactive Sand Shipment - A flatbed railcar carrying two enclosed truck trailers loaded with monozite (thorium bearing) sand derailed in Atlanta, GA, causing the trailers to overturn in a railroad fillsection. One truck trailer ruptured spilling some of the sand. The sand was enroute to W. R. Grace Co. from abroad. The sand was reloaded into two other truck trailers and the loose sand and residual contamination was loaded into drums by representatives of W. R. Grace Co. The shipment continued to the consignee. (Closed)
  - c. PNO-79-22 Midland Units 1 & 2 - Construction Fire at Midland - A minor fire occurred on February 4, 1979. The fire was discovered at 4:11 a.m. and apparently was started by a small gas heater. It involved a plastic cover, concrete forms and scaffolding on the radwaste building. The Midland Fire Department responded. Damage was estimated at \$5,000. (Closed)
  - d. PNO-79-23 Duane Arnold - Questionable Surface Conditions on Safe End Repair Weld - The radiographs of seven of the Duane Arnold safe end repair welds show numerous conditions which can be collectively described as irregular internal weld surfaces. ALB

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