

June 26, 2003

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-III-03-029

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 the Region III staff on this date.

Facility

Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant
5600 Hobbs Road
Paducah, Kentucky
Docket No. 07007001
Certificate No. GDP-1

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

SUBJECT: END OF STRIKE

DESCRIPTION:

On June 25, 2003, members of the Paper, Allied-Industrial, Chemical and Energy Workers International Union Local 5-550 voted to ratify a labor contract with the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC). The vote ended the strike that began on February 4, 2003, and involved approximately 635 operations, maintenance and administrative workers at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant.

Since the strike began, USEC implemented a contingency plan to continue operating the gaseous diffusion plant using non-union and management personnel who previously held positions as operators and maintenance workers.

Union workers will return to work beginning today with a full turnover of ongoing operations expected by Sunday, June 29, 2003. The NRC resident inspectors will provide 72-hour continuous and extended coverage to monitor the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant's transition back to normal operations.

The information in this preliminary notification has been reviewed with the certificate holder, the State of Kentucky, and the NRC's Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards.

This information is current as of 10:00 a.m. CDT on June 26, 2003.

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