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Last Monday, May 3, 2004, the facility's material control and accounting (MC&A) system database was corrupted. The problem was not noticed until the next day, therefore, for approximately 27 hours, material transactions were not properly input to the database. Following the discovery, the plant ceased all operations has been in a inventory mode since. Currently, the facility is attempting to compile data and account for material transactions for those 27 hours. Westinghouse has been in close contact with NRC MC&A experts in Headquarters and has already drafted a letter proposing restart conditions. Westinghouse had no evidence that diversion of material was intended or attempted.

Westinghouse is preparing a Part 21 report for issues involving excessive water in the UF6 cylinders they clean and send to Russia. USEC is performing the safety analysis based on information provided by Westinghouse. So far, no chemical or criticality concerns were identified, however, the criticality analysis has yet to be completed. Since a Part 21 report has a 60 day (from identification) time limit, Westinghouse is issuing a preliminary report on the issue.

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