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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

July 26, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-79-284

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by IE staff on this date.

FACILITY: Waterford Unit No. 3
Louisiana Power and Light Company
DN 50-382

SUBJECT: PLANT EVACUATION

The Louisiana Power and Light Company (LP&L) notified Region IV of a site evacuation of construction forces due to a chlorine gas release by a chemical plant east of the Waterford site. The site was evacuated from 11:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. on July 25, 1979, due to an accidental chlorine gas release by Hooker Chemical Company. Evacuation and return of the workers at the Waterford site was without incident. There were no injuries to site personnel as a result of the chlorine gas release.

Hooker Chemical Company made a press release and the incident was covered by the local news media and TV.

Neither LP&L nor RIV plans a press release.

The licensee reported this matter by telephone on July 26, 1979.

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