

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

Date: July 10, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-80-98

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: Northeast Nuclear Energy Co.
Millstone 1 (DN 50-245)
Niantic, Connecticut

Subject: TRANSPORTATION INCIDENT

Sometime prior to 4:10 p.m. on July 9, 1980, a Chem-Nuclear tractor-trailer traveling on I-84 near Southington, Connecticut developed a crack in the main I-beam of the trailer. The trailer was carrying solidified radioactive waste material from the Millstone 1 power plant to the burial site in South Carolina. Connecticut State Police were called and stood by the truck until temporary welding repairs were made. The truck was then escorted by the police to a nearby local truck terminal where permanent repairs were made under the direction of Chem-Nuclear personnel. Repairs were completed, inspected by Chem-Nuclear personnel, and the truck was released at 9:30 a.m. on July 10, 1980.

There was no radioactive material leakage or contamination. The maximum contact radiation reading on the trailer was 13 mR/hr and no significant exposure was received by welders.

There was media coverage. A press release is not planned by the NRC. The State of Connecticut has been notified.

This Preliminary Notification is issued for information only.

Region I received notification of this incident from the Headquarters Duty Officer at 6:17 p.m. on July 9, 1980. This information is current as of 10:00 a.m. on July 10, 1980.

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