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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

Date: November 2, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-III-79-33

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: Union Electric Company (Callaway Unit 1)  
Box No. 30-483, Callaway County, Missouri

Subject: EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION CLAIMED BY MR. W. SMART

Region III received a call from Mr. W. Smart on November 1, 1979, during which time he complained that he was being denied employment because of discrimination by one of the construction contractors at the Callaway Nuclear Site.

Mr. Smart formerly worked as an ironworker at Callaway. During his period of employment he made a number of allegations regarding the quality of construction that resulted in two major investigations by Region III. He was subsequently fired by his employer, Daniel Construction, in March 1978. Following his dismissal, he alleged that he was fired for being a "whistle-blower" --- a matter which received considerable publicity. He was reinstated in November 1978 through arbitration brought on by his union. He subsequently changed employment at the site, then found work offsite.

Mr. Smart was informed that federal jurisdiction over such matters rests with the Department of Labor and was provided with a contact.

This preliminary notification is issued because of the potential for media attention.

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