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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-III- 79-62A

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 as of this date.

Facility: Kerr-McGee Nuclear Corporation
Cimarron, OK
Docket No. 70-1193

Subject: ALLEGED PLUTONIUM EXPOSURE

As reported in the original PN-III-79-62, a former Kerr-McGee employee had requested examination to determine whether he had received a significant intake of plutonium while employed from about 1969 to 1972 at the Cimarron Plant. (The plant where Karen Silkwood worked.) On January 7 and 8, 1980, the man visited Los Alamos for whole body counting, special chest counting, and collection of urine samples.

Los Alamos has reported that neither plutonium nor americium was detected by measurements capable of detecting a fraction of the present permissible internal deposition.

Region III (Chicago) plans no press release on this matter and knows of no press awareness of this matter.

This Preliminary Notification is hereby closed.

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