

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

Date: May 2, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF SAFEGUARDS EVENT--PNS-I-80-10

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE national security 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: United Nuclear Corporation
UNC Naval Products (DN 70-371)
Uncasville, Connecticut

Subject: GUARD SHOOTS HIMSELF WHILE ON DUTY

On May 1, 1980 at approximately 11:00 P.M. a 24 year old guard employed by Interstate Security Services and assigned to the UNC Naval Products Facility shot himself in the head with his service revolver. He was assigned to a vehicle patrol of the outside of the perimeter of the protected area. At 11:02 P.M. when the Central Alarm Station operator failed to make contact by radio with the guard, two other security force personnel were sent to investigate. The victim was found alive and slumped over the steering wheel in the patrol vehicle. His weapon was in his hand and one shot had been fired. He was transported by ambulance to the Lawrence and Memorial Hospital where he later died.

Media interest is expected. The licensee has issued a press release. No press release is planned by the NRC at this time. (S)

The State of Connecticut has been informed. The IAT has been advised.

This Preliminary Notification is issued for information purposes and no further action by IE is anticipated.

NRC Region I (Philadelphia) received notification of this occurrence from the licensee at 11:00 A.M., May 2, 1980. Notifications by the licensee were made to the Headquarters Duty Officer at 12:30 A.M. and 2:10 A.M., May 2, 1980.

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