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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

May 13, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-80-83

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of an event 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: General Electric Company
Wilmington Manufacturing Department
Docket No. 70-1113

SUBJECT: BUILDING EVACUATION DUE TO FALSE CRITICALITY WARNING SYSTEM ALARM

At 10:05 a.m. the Criticality Warning System experienced a false alarm. The Fuel Manufacturing Building was evacuated. At 10:18 a.m., the licensee determined that no abnormal radiation levels existed and that the alarm was a false alarm. At 10:21 a.m. the Reentry Team entered the Fuel Manufacturing Building and verified that radiation levels were normal.

It is expected that local media interest will exist. The NRC does not intend to issue a press release. This PN is issued for information only. The State of North Carolina has been notified.

Region 11 (Atlanta) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the licensee at 10:30 a.m. on May 13.

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