

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
ABNORMAL OCCURRENCE REPORT
NINETEENTH REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the requirements of Section 208 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has published and issued the nineteenth periodic report to Congress on abnormal occurrences (NUREG-0090, Vol. 2, No. 4). The release date is May 9, 1980.

Under the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, which created the NRC, an abnormal occurrence is defined as "an unscheduled incident or event which the Commission (NRC) determines is significant from the standpoint of public health or safety." The NRC has made a determination, based on criteria published in the Federal Register (42 FR 10950) on February 24, 1977, that events involving an actual loss or significant reduction in the degree of protection against radioactive properties of source, special nuclear, and byproduct materials are abnormal occurrences.

The nineteenth report to Congress is for the fourth quarter of 1979. The report identifies the occurrences or events that the Commission determined were significant and the remedial action that was undertaken. The report indicates that the following incidents or events were determined by the Commission to be significant and reportable:

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- a) There were no abnormal occurrences at the nuclear power plants licensed to operate.
- b) There were no abnormal occurrences at fuel cycle facilities (other than nuclear power plants).
- c) There were no abnormal occurrences at other licensee facilities.
- d) There was one abnormal occurrence reported by the Agreement States. The incident involved overexposure of a hot cell operator.

The nineteenth report to the Congress also contains updating information on some abnormal occurrences reported in previous reports.

Interested persons may review the report at the NRC's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. or at any of the 130 local Public Document Rooms throughout the country. The report, designated NUREG-0090, Vol. 2, No. 4, may be purchased from the National Technical Information Service, Springfield, Virginia 22161, or from the GPO Sales Program, Division of Technical Information and Document Control, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, on or about May 23, 1980.

Dated at Washington, D. C. this 8th day of May ,
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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission



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