

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

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Date: June 13, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURENCE--PNO-III-80- 112

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: Consumers Power Company
Jackson, MI
License No. 21-08606-03

SUBJECT: ALLEGED OVEREXPOSURE TO RADIOGRAPHER

On June 12, 1980 a radiographer performing radiography at the Consumers Power Company fossil fuel generating station in Overisel, MI received an estimated 7.650 rems whole body exposure as measured by thermoluminescent dosimeter. The radiography device used contained 55 curies of iridium-192. Cause of the exposure is thought to have resulted from the source not being fully retracted into the camera when film changes were made. The exposure was suspected when the radiographer's 200 mR dosimeter was offscale. The licensee will conduct a reenactment of the incident to evaluate the exposure next week.

NRC, Region III (Chicago), will investigate the incident.

There has been no news media interest at this time. Neither the licensee nor Region III plans a press release; however, Region III will respond to any inquiries.

The State of Michigan Public Health Department has been notified by the licensee. NRC, Region III, will confirm this notification.

Region III received notification of this occurrence by telephone from a licensee representative at 10:45 a.m. CDT, June 13, 1980. This information is current as of 12:30 p.m. CDT, June 13, 1980.

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