

## PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURENCE--PNO-III-80-157

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Facility: Battelle Columbus Laboratories  
Columbus, OH

SUBJECT: EMPLOYEE OVEREXPOSURE

The licensee reported that an employee received a dose of 30.710 rems to the right hand on July 20, 1980 while removing a cartridge from a water filter following the flushing of a spent fuel cask.

The dose limit permitted by 10 CFR 20.101 is 18.75 rems per calendar quarter. The dose measurement was by TLD ring dosimeter. The employee has been restricted from work involving radioactive materials for the remainder of the quarter.

Region III (Chicago) plans to investigate the details of the incident and the licensee's corrective actions during an inspection in September.

Neither the licensee nor Region III plan a press release.

The State of Ohio is being notified.

Region III received notification of this occurrence by letter from the licensee's NRC License Coordinator dated August 19, 1980 and received August 22, 1980.

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