

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

August 22, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-80-142

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 Nuclear Fuel
Docket No. SNM-1097
Wilmington, North Carolina

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION ACCIDENT

A Tri-State truck loaded with five full OR-30B UF₆ cylinders in overpacks was forced off I-85 near Greensboro, North Carolina at about 1:30 p.m. on August 22, 1980. The truck was enroute from the Goodyear facility at Sargents, Ohio to the Wilmington Nuclear Fuel plant.

The truck went into a ditch but did not overturn. There was no damage to the overpacks on the truck and no personnel injuries. The North Carolina Highway Patrol surveyed the containers and confirmed no damage and no radiation release. The North Carolina Radiological protection section notified General Electric Company. GE was informed that a Tri-State Trucking Company wrecker was on the way to extricate the truck.

Media interest may occur. Neither the licensee nor the NRC intends to issue a press release.

The State of North Carolina was notified.

Region II (Atlanta) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the licensee at 3:00 p.m. on August 22.

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