

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

August 29, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-80-145

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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS

The NRC High Frequency (HF) Radio System, described in SECY-80-333, achieved initial operational status four days ahead of the scheduled September 1 target date.

The system consists of a one kilowatt base station located in the Region II Emergency Center and a one hundred watt removable shockmounted mobile unit mounted in each of the three Region II emergency vehicles (two mobile laboratories and one mobile van).

The testing program has commenced. However, the system is available in case of sustained communication emergencies. Several short term problems have recently occurred (Reference: PNO-I-80-119 "Loss of Site Long Distance Telephone Service, Maine Yankee; PNO-IV-80-27 "Loss of All Telephone Communications Systems", Arkansas 1 & 2; PNO-80-02 "Communications Problems During TMI Drill", TMI; and PNO-III-80-101 "Loss of Red Phone", Point Beach).

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