

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

July 31, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-80-133

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: Westinghouse Electric Corporation  
Columbia Nuclear Fuel Plant  
Docket No. 70-1151  
Columbia, South Carolina

SUBJECT: URANIUM HEXAFLUORIDE LEAK

Approximately 100 personnel evacuated the conversion area of the plant when a minor (less than 5 grams) uranium hexafluoride (UF<sub>6</sub>) leak occurred at about 8:30 a.m. on July 31, 1980, when a pigtail connection developed a leak. Personnel returned to work in less than one hour. There were no exposures of personnel to excessive concentrations of airborne uranium or release of radioactive material to the environment.

A news release is not planned by the licensee nor NRC. Media interest is not expected.

The State of South Carolina has been notified.

Region II (Atlanta) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from an inspector on site at 12:00 (noon) on July 31.

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