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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: Toledo Edison Company
Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station
Docket No. 50-346
Oak Harbor, Ohio

SUBJECT: AIRBORNE RADIOACTIVITY RELEASE TO AUXILIARY BUILDING

A gaseous release to the auxiliary building occurred at approximately 2:30 p.m. (EST) on December 29, 1980, when the makeup tank was momentarily vented through an instrument line. The venting, which occurred during improperly authorized maintenance work, released approximately 0.1Ci of noble gases. The auxiliary building ventilation automatically secured due to high airborne activity and the auxiliary building was evacuated. Auxiliary building ventilation was reinitiated at approximately 4:30 p.m. (EST) after the cause and magnitude of the release were determined.

Upon reinitiation of the ventilation flow, the airborne activity was released thru the plant vent at less than 1% of the release rate allowed by the licensee's technical specifications.

Two workers were slightly contaminated during the incident. They were decontaminated by showering and will be whole body counted.

This matter will be reviewed further during the health physics appraisal scheduled for January 1981.

A red phone notification was made by the licensee. Region III (Chicago) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the Headquarters Watch Officer at approximately 2:30 p.m. (CST) on December 29, 1980. This information is current as of 8:30 a.m. (CST), December 30, 1980



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The State of Ohio and the USEPA are being informed. Neither the licensee nor Region III plans to issue a press release. The Region will respond to media inquiries if they occur.

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