

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

Date: October 3, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF SAFEGUARDS EVENT - PMS-III-80- 20

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 that is known by IE staff as of this date.

Facility: Commonwealth Edison
Zion Station (DN 50-295 and 50-304)
Zion, Illinois

Subject: BOMB THREAT



At approximately 11:30 a.m. on October 3, 1980, radio station WKZN (Zion, Illinois) received a telephone call from a person, believed to be a young black male, who said, "If Zion operations does not shut down the Horizon and Pierce High School campuses will be bombed. The bombs are at the schools and will go off at 2:30 p.m. if Zion does not shut down." The radio station notified the Zion Police Department of the bomb threat. The Zion Police Department in turn notified the site representatives.

The licensee alerted their administrative staff and increased security at the North gate of the Zion site. Local police units responded to both schools.

The licensee notified the NRC resident inspectors at Zion who in turn notified Region III (Chicago). Region III notified the Chicago Office of the FBI and the State of Illinois. HQ, IE (DSI) was notified and agreed to notify the IAT.

No press release is planned by the licensee or RIII.

This Preliminary Notification is issued for information only and no further action by IE is anticipated.

Region III received notification of this event by telephone from the NRC Resident Inspectors at 11:50 a.m. CDT on October 3, 1980. This information is current as of 1:50 p.m., October 3, 1980.

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