

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-V: 81-17

Date: March 30, 1981

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 on this date.

FACILITY: U. S. Ecology, Inc.
Beatty Nevada Burial Site
State of Nevada Licensee

SUBJECT: BANNING OF AWC, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA (STATE LICENSEE) FOR
RADIOACTIVE WASTE SHIPMENT

The Region V office was notified by the NRC onsite inspector that a shipment was received from AWC, Las Vegas, Nevada (a broker) on March 30, 1981. Upon examination of the shipment by the NRC and State inspectors, it was determined that one 55-gallon drum had a hole in the side. Also, part of the shipment was from a company which had been banned from the site previously. There was no apparent contamination of the drum or trailer. Based upon the apparent item of noncompliance and waste from a banned company, the State of Nevada banned AWC (the broker) effective March 30, 1981, from use of the burial site until further notice. The drum which had the hole was repaired and placed into the burial trench. The waste from the banned company was not accepted and was returned to the shipper.

There has been no media interest.

Region V received notification of the occurrence from the NRC onsite inspector at 2:25 p.m. on March 30, 1981.

This item is submitted for information only and is closed for reporting purposes.

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