

Date: May 28, 1981

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-81-65

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: Westinghouse Electric Corporation
Cheswick, Pennsylvania
License No. 37-5809-01

Subject: TRANSPORTATION INCIDENT

At approximately 10:30 p.m. on May 27, 1981 a Tri-State Motor Trucklines truck carrying radioactive waste from the Westinghouse facility in Cheswick, Pennsylvania was involved in a hit-and-run accident on Interstate 70 near Claysville, Pennsylvania. The truck was carrying contaminated pump parts and rags, contained in drums, from the licensee's Electro-mechanical Division to the waste disposal facility in Barnwell, South Carolina. The radioactive material primarily consists of cobalt-60. The licensee dispatched two health physicists to survey the truck and they determined that no leakage had occurred and that the truck was intact. At 3:30 a.m., on May 28, 1981 the truck resumed its trip to Barnwell, South Carolina.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been notified. No press release is planned by the licensee or the NRC at this time. There has been no media interest. The NRC Headquarters duty officer received notification of this occurrence by telephone call from the Pennsylvania State Police at approximately 11:00 p.m. on May 27, 1981.

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

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