

Date: July 8, 1981

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-81-76

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: Duquesne Light Company
Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit 1 (DN 50-334)
Shippingport, PA
WEAPONS DISCOVERED DURING ROUTINE VEHICLE SEARCH OUTSIDE PROTECTED AREA

Subject:
At about 10 a.m. on July 8, 1981 a Tri-State Motor Transit Company contractor vehicle attempted to gain access to the Protected Area in order to pick up a radwaste shipment for transport to Barnwell, SC. During a routine vehicle search prior to entry into the Protected Area, a guard discovered a handgun inside the vehicle cab. The driver then voluntarily surrendered a second handgun also concealed within the cab. Prior to the search the driver had stated that he possessed no weapons.

Upon completing the vehicle search, the truck was permitted access to the Protected Area. Licensee security personnel held the weapons until the truck subsequently exited the Protected Area.

The licensee has notified Tri-State Motor Transit Company and the Pennsylvania State Police of the event and plans to notify the subcontractor management.

This PN is issued for information only. An NRC security inspector arrived onsite about 1 p.m. (unrelated to this event) and is currently following licensee actions.

Media interest is possible because of sensitivity to nuclear power issues at this site. No press release is planned by the licensee. The NRC is not issuing a press release but will respond to inquiries.

NRC Region I (Philadelphia) received notification of the occurrence by telephone call from the resident inspector at 1 p.m. on July 8, 1981.

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