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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

DCS No. 50219-810828

Date: August 28, 1981

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-81- 98

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 TE staff on this date.

Facility: Jersey Central Power and Light Company
Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station
Forked River, New Jersey (DN 50-219)

Subject: ALLEGED DISPOSAL OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL IN LOCAL LANDFILL

At about 10:30 a.m. on August 28, 1981, an anonymous female caller notified the Ocean County New Jersey Sheriff's Department that a trash dumpster labeled "Danger - High Radiation" from the Oyster Creek facility had been dumped in the Southern Ocean Landfill in Ocean Township, New Jersey. The licensee was notified by the Ocean County Emergency Management Director. The area of the landfill where the alleged dumpster was emptied was surveyed by five technicians from the County Radiological Officer's office and three licensee health physicists. No radioactive material was found. A local group has been active in trying to close down the landfill. The County Sheriff's department will try to determine the identity of the caller.

The licensee found no evidence of any radioactive material having left the site.

This PN is issued for information only.

The licensee is responding to press inquiries but plans no news release. A press release is not planned by the NRC at this time. The State of New Jersey has been informed. The NRC RRI was informed by the licensee at 2:05 p.m. NRC Region I was informed by telephone call from the RRI at 2:10 p.m. on August 28, 1981. This information is current as of 3:00 p.m., August 28, 1981.

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