

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-III-81-83

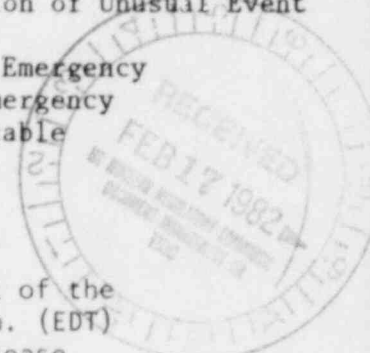
September 30, 1981

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by IE staff on this date.

Facility: Toledo Edison Company
Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station
Docket No. 50-346
Oak Harbor, OH

Licensee Emergency Classification:
 Notification of Unusual Event
 Alert
 Site Area Emergency
 General Emergency
 Not Applicable

Subject: MINOR UNPLANNED AIRBORNE RADIOACTIVITY RELEASE



A small, unplanned, radioactive noble gas release (less than one percent of the technical specification instantaneous limit) occurred at about 10:40 a.m. (EDT) on September 30, 1981. Total release was less than two curies. The release occurred when workers removed the rupture diaphragm from the reactor coolant drain tank during maintenance work. In addition to the gaseous release, about fifteen gallons of coolant spilled to the floor and drained to the radwaste system. The auxiliary building was evacuated for a short time as a precautionary measure. No significant personnel contamination occurred although some noble gas daughter contamination was detected on workers.

This Preliminary Notification is issued for information because of the potential for public awareness of the incident.

The State of Ohio was notified.

Neither the licensee nor Region III plans to issue a press release.

A red phone notification was made by the licensee. Region III (Chicago) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the Headquarters Watch Officer at approximately 11:15 a.m. (CDT) on September 30, 1981. This information is current as of 12:15 p.m.

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