

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: Northwest Steel
Rolling Mill
Kent, Washington
State of Washington Licensee

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

SUBJECT: ACCIDENT INVOLVING LEVEL GAUGE

Molten steel was accidentally poured over a K-ray gauge Model 7060 SD containing 200 mCi of 137 Cs about 7:00 P.M., Wednesday August 25, 1982. These gauges are used for measuring mold levels. The capsule was not damaged except for burning off paint and labels. No radioactive material was released. This was confirmed by a survey conducted by State of Washington inspectors sent to the site that same evening. Considerable media attention occurred. The manufacturer's representative has restored the system to its original condition and the matter is closed.

Region V received notification of this occurrence from the State of Washington at 8:30 A.M. on August 27, 1982. This information is current as of that time.

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