

DCS No:
Date: September 13, 1982

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-82-59

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 the Region I staff on this date.

Facility: United Nuclear Corporation
DN 70-820
Recovery Systems
Wood River Junction, Rhode Island

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

Subject: TRANSPORTATION INCIDENT

At about 6:00 p.m. on September 10, 1982, a Thurston Motor Line trailer travelling south on I-81 near Abingdon, Virginia broke in half. The trailer was carrying 14 boxes of slightly contaminated soil (less than 0.002 microcuries per gram) to a disposal site in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Virginia Department of Environmental Protection and Virginia State Police responded to the scene. There was no apparent damage to the boxes, no release of contamination, and no injuries.

The boxes were off loaded from the damaged trailer onto a flat-bed trailer for transport to the Thurston Knoxville, Tennessee depot. The boxes will be transferred to a closed vehicle for transport to the Oak Ridge site.

Media interest has occurred in the area. The licensee is considering a press release. A press release is not planned by the NRC. The State of Rhode Island has been notified.

This Preliminary Notification is issued for information only.

Region I received notification of this incident from the licensee at 8:50 a.m. on September 13, 1982 and is current. Region II has been notified of this incident.

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