

Date: October 13, 1992

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PN39254

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 III staff on this date.

Facility:

Licensee Emergency Classification

State of Illinois  
Illinois Department of  
Nuclear Safety  
Springfield IL

\_\_\_ General Emergency  
\_\_\_ Site Area Emergency  
\_\_\_ Alert  
\_\_\_ Unusual Event  
X N/A

Subject: STATE PANEL REJECTS PROPOSED LOW-LEVEL WASTE DISPOSAL SITE

On October 9, 1992, a state radioactive waste review commission rejected the proposed site for a low-level radioactive waste disposal facility at Martinsville, Illinois. The site would have served the Central Midwest Compact, which includes Illinois and Kentucky.

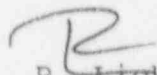
The three-member commission was named in 1989 to review the site which had been selected by the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety. The commission, which rejected the site by a 3-0 vote, expressed concerns about the size of the site, possible affect on municipal water supplies, quality control measures during site characterization work, the inventory the facility would hold, and its ability to last 500 or more years.

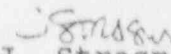
Illinois Governor Jim Edgar announced the state would abide by the decision, and he directed the state agency to stop all efforts to locate the facility at Martinsville.

There has been statewide news media interest in the state commission's decision.

This information is current as of 11 a.m. on October 13, 1992.

CONTACT:

  
R. Lickus  
708/790-5666

  
J. Strasma  
708/790-5674

DISTRIBUTION:

STANDARD E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION

FAX TO:

The Chairman 4:05 INPO 4:12  
NSAC 4:11 LIC \_\_\_\_\_ NRC OPS CTR 4:08  
PDR (8/634-3343) 4:06 OIG 4:03  
HQ Public Affairs 4:01  
A. Byrdsong, NRR 3:59

MAIL TO:

DCS (Orig)  
DOT (Trans)

08-016

9403090114 921013  
PDR I&E  
PNO-III-92-054 PDR

IE34  
110