

March 28, 1994

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-IV-94-012

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 IV staff on this date.

Facility

Public Service Company Of Colorado  
Fort St. Vrain  
Colorado

Licensee Emergency Classification

Notification of Unusual Event  
Alert  
Site Area Emergency  
General Emergency  
X Not Applicable

Subject: FALSIFIED RADIATION SURVEY RECORDS

On March 25, 1994, Public Service Company of Colorado (PSC) management reported to Region IV that certain radiation survey records had been falsified during late 1992 and early 1993. Apparently, from September to December 1992, radiation surveys related to the release of material from the FSV site were not documented, but were documented fictitiously at a later time. Similarly, in early 1993, radiation surveys related to radiation work permits were not documented, but were documented fictitiously at a later time.

These findings resulted from an independent investigation performed for the Scientific Ecology Group (SEG), one of PSC's three decommissioning contractors. Two SEG personnel have been placed on administrative leave because of their involvement in this matter.

PSC indicated its intention to stop all work inside radiologically controlled areas, effective March 28, 1994.

Short-term corrective actions planned by the licensee include additional training for site personnel, reviewing all active radiation work permits for completeness, and expanding the independent investigation work scope.

The state of Colorado will be informed.

The licensee does not plan to issue a press release. Region IV received notification of this occurrence by telephone from PSC management at 3:30 p.m. on March 25, 1994. Region IV informed NMSS on that date.

This information has been confirmed with a licensee representative.

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