

February 4, 1993

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-93-005

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 II staff on this date.

Facility

Scientific Ecology Group (Seg), Inc.
Metals Melt Facility
Oak Ridge, TN
(Agreement State Licensee)
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830
License No: R-73016

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: FIRE AT METAL PROCESSING PLANT

On February 3, 1993, the Director of the Tennessee Division of Radiological Health (DRH) advised Region II of a fire which had occurred at a State regulated materials license (waste processor). According to the State Director, a "contained fire" occurred at about 1:35 a.m. CST on February 3, 1993, in a portion of the process area at the SEG facility in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. This fire was described as very limited but a significant amount of smoke was generated which caused activation of facility fire alarms and isolation of the building ventilation systems. The licensee was able to control the fire; however, the Oak Ridge Fire Department was notified and responded. The licensee reported the fire to State officials around 2:30 a.m. on February 3, 1993.

Air samples taken in the immediate area of the fire did not show presence of radioactive materials. There was no indication of personnel injury or exposure to radiation or radioactive material. The licensee is continuing to investigate the cause and evaluate corrective measures. The State of Tennessee is monitoring the situation and a written report will be provided.

News media interest has occurred in Oak Ridge and Knoxville, Tennessee.

This information is current as of 9:00 a.m., on February 4, 1993.

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