

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

January 5, 1981

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-81-02

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by IE staff on this date.

FACILITY: Atlas Minerals Corporation  
Moab, Utah  
License No. SUA 917

SUBJECT: URANIUM MILL FIRE

A fire occurred in the uranium yellow cake dryer scrubber stack on January 2, 1981 at 12:30 p.m. which was extinguished within fifteen minutes. The dryer scrubber circuit was not in operation and the cause has not been determined at this time. No injuries occurred and damage is not expected to be extensive. Air sampling was performed during the fire and all personnel in the area are undergoing bioassay. The results of these evaluations will be transmitted to the Region IV office.

The state of Utah has been notified and no press release is planned.

Region IV (Arlington) received notification of the fire from the licensee by telephone at 4:30 p.m. on January 2, 1981.

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