

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

July 28, 1981

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-81-04C

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: General Public

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SERIOUS RADIATION EXPOSURE UPDATE

The exposed individual who was estimated by cytogenetic studies to have received a whole body equivalent dose of 350 to 400 rems died in a hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on July 27, 1981. An NRC medical consultant is currently contacting the attending physician as to the cause of death.

There has been media interest concerning the individual's death.

Region IV (Arlington) received the notification by telephone at 1:55 p.m. on July 28, 1981, from a funeral director in Henryetta, Oklahoma.

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