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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF SAFEGUARDS EVENT - PNS-III-80-11

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 as of this date.

Facility: Commonwealth Edison Company
Quad-Cities Unit 1
Cordova, Illinois

Subject: LOSS OF FISSION COUNTER

At 10:05 a.m. on July 11, 1980, as a result of inventorying fission counters (dunkers) in conjunction with a safeguards inspection by Region III (Chicago), the inspector on site was notified of the apparent loss of a fission counter containing approximately 1.9 grams U-235.

Continued searches on Friday, July 11, 1980 and over the weekend were conducted by the licensee with negative results. The licensee indicated that the lost fission counter may have been inadvertently placed in a trash barrel and disposed of by cleanup personnel. The search will continue and a final report by the licensee will be made on July 15, 1980.

The licensee has not issued a news release and the NRC does not plan a news release. The State of Illinois has been notified.

Region III received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the inspector on site at 10:15 a.m. on July 11, 1980. This information is current as of 9:00 a.m. on July 14, 1980.

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