

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-V-81-36

Date: June 30, 1981

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: U.S. Ecology, Inc.
Beatty, Nevada Burial Site
NRC Licensee

DESIGNATED ORIGINAL

Certified By Dot Noack

SUBJECT: BANNING OF PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY,
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY (NRC LICENSEE) FOR RADIOACTIVE WASTE SHIPMENT

The Region V office was notified on June 29, 1981 by a copy of a letter dated June 26, 1981 from the State of Nevada to the Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Newark, New Jersey, that due to items of noncompliance with Department of Transportation regulations, the burial permit had been suspended for three months starting June 12, 1981. This action was taken as a result of items of noncompliance involving shipments received on June 1; June 2; and April 7, 1981. Three boxes on two of these shipments had breached containments on receipt. There was no evidence of radioactive contamination. These items were identified by the state inspector as noncompliance with 49 CFR 173.392(c)(1).

In addition to the suspension, the licensee has been penalized \$3,000. Failure to pay the assessed penalty will extend the suspension period to one year.

There has been media interest.

Region V office was notified by letters dated June 12 and June 26, 1981 and received on June 15 and June 26, 1981.

This item is submitted for information only and is closed for reporting purposes.

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