

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 staff on this date.

Facility: Westinghouse Corporation
Westinghouse Nuclear Training Center
Zion, IL 60099
(Docket No. 50-87)

Licensee Emergency Classification:
 Notification of an Unusual Event
 Alert
 Site Area Emergency
 General Emergency
 X Not Applicable

Subject: BOMB THREAT

At approximately 6:00 p.m. (CDT), on October 25, 1983, a maintenance man observed a pickup truck parked outside the facility fence on the west side of the building. Two men, who appeared young, jumped out of the truck, stated: "Hey, between now and three tomorrow a bomb will go off." They returned to their truck and quickly left the area. No other threats had been received.

The licensee immediately shutdown the training reactor (a 10 kilowatt tank type reactor used in connection with the training center) and notified local law enforcement authorities. The City of Zion Police and Fire Department responded and with the licensee completed a search of the reactor building at approximately 7:10 p.m. (CDT). The training center and facilities were also searched. No devices were found. The licensee instituted increased security measures and plans to continue them until 3:00 p.m. (CDT) on October 26, 1983. The reactor will remain shutdown until then, although classes in the training center have continued. The licensee also notified the nearby (two miles) Commonwealth Edison Zion Nuclear Power Station of the incident.

This Preliminary Notification is issued for information only. The IAT and the on-duty Headquarters Emergency Officer were notified at approximately 6:55 p.m. (CDT).

There has been no media interest and neither the licensee nor Region III (Chicago) plans to issue a news announcement.

Region III was notified of this event at approximately 6:45 p.m. (CDT) on October 25, 1983.

This information is current as of 10:30 a.m. (CDT) October 26, 1983.

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