

December 16, 1975

Region II, Office of Inspection and
Enforcement

USNRC

Suite 818

230 Peachtree Street, N.W.

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Gentlemen:

Please find attached a copy of a Telegram sent to Virginia Electric and Power Company on December 10, 1975. It transmits information to us that was transmitted by Allied Chemical Corporation to the Region III, Directorate of Regulatory Operation, USNRC, on December 5, 1975.

Vepco has been in daily contact with the Allied Chemical Corporation and the Superior Valve Co. and is aware of the actions being taken to resolve the problem.

This information is being submitted to the Region II, Office of Inspection and Enforcement to insure that you are completely informed, independent of your Region III Office.

If there are any further questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

D R Hostetler

D. R. Hostetler, Manager
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PER OUR PHONE CONVERSATION OF 12/10/75

THE FOLLOWING WAS SENT BY TELEGRAM TO THE NRC

I HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM WITH WESTERN UNION THAT THEY SENT THE TELEGRAM TO YOUR OFFICE THAT I INTENDED FOLLOWING MY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH MR LEDOUX ON DECEMBER 5, 1975. CONSEQUENTLY, I AM SUBMITTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION THAT WESTERN UNION SHOULD HAVE DELIVERED BY TELEGRAM FRIDAY NIGHT.

"CONFIRMING MY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH MR LEDOUX OF YOUR

OFFICE ON DECEMBER 5, 1975, WE WISH TO INFORM YOU OF AN INCIDENT

PURSUANT TO THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 10, PART 20.403.

DURING THE INSPECTION PROCEDURE OF TWENTY-ONE NEW 14 TON UF6

CYLINDERS AND PRIOR TO FILLING, WE EXPERIENCED AN ABNORMAL FAILURE

OF THREE 1 INCH SUPERIOR VALVES, PART NUMBER 11246. THE SUPERIOR

VALVE COMPANY HAS BEEN NOTIFIED AND AN INVESTIGATION IS CURRENTLY

UNDER WAY TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF THE PROBLEM.

THESE VALVES ARE DIFFERENTIATED FROM HUNDREDS OF OTHER VALVES THAT

WE HAVE IN SERVICE BY THE NUMBER EIGHT STAMPED UPON THE VALVE BODY.

THIS INCIDENT HAS NOT CAUSED THE RELEASE OF ANY RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL,

EXPOSURE OF ANY INDIVIDUAL, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE. THIS INCIDENT IS

BEING REPORTED SOLELY AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE.

WE WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS IT DEVELOPS DURING THE

COURSE OF OUR INVESTIGATION.

YOURS VERY TRULY

A D RILEY

PLANT MANAGER

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