RELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-11-91-78

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 Region II staff on this date.

FACILITY: Turkey Point 3 & 4 Homestead, FL Docket No. 250, 251 Licensee Emergency Classification: Notification of Unusual Event Alert Site Area Emergency General Emergency X Not Applicable

SUBJECT: WATER PUDDLE UNDER CONTAMINATED SCAFFOLD SHIPMENT AT TRUCKSTOP NEAR JASPER. FL.

A truck transporting two containers of contaminated scaffolding from Turkey Point to Quadrex for decontamination was parked overnight at a truckstop near Jasper, Florida enroute to Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The driver woke up this morning and looked under the truck and noticed a puddle of oily water three feet in diameter under the truck. He suspected one container was leaking. He called Quadrex, Inc. and FP&L. Both sent staff to the scene with radiation survey meters. The FP&L staff was airlifted from Miami. The Hamilton County Sheriff was reported to have evacuated the area around the truck.

The utility RPM reported to Region II that the maximum dose rate on the scaffolding was 0.6 millirem/hr and that shipments from South Florida often dripped condensate after traveling several hundred miles north. FP&L is planning a press release. Region II will follow this event pending completion of the surveys by responding personnel.

The State of Florida was informed by the utility and Region II.

The NRC Operations Center received initial notification of this event by telephone from the licensee at 1129 EST on December 6, 1991.

This information is current as of 2:00 p.m. December 6, 1991.

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