

July 21, 1995

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-IV-95-033A

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 Region IV staff in Arlington, Texas on this date.

Facility

Entergy Operations, Inc.
Waterford 3
Killona, Louisiana
Dockets: 50-382

Licensee Emergency Classification

Notification of Unusual Event
Alert
Site Area Emergency
General Emergency
X Not Applicable

Subject: CHEMICAL RELEASE NEAR WATERFORD-3 (UPDATE)
(EVENT NOTIFICATION NUMBER 29088)

On July 20, 1995, at 4:20 p.m. (CDT), the licensee terminated the ALERT classification and resumed normal operations. The licensee exited the ALERT after confirming that St. Charles Parish authorities had begun recovery actions following the cessation of the ammonia release. St. Charles Parish had lifted the road blocks and sheltering recommendation at 4 p.m. after obtaining confidence that the ammonia release had been terminated. Earlier in the event, the St. Charles Parish authorities had activated the local emergency sirens and the Emergency Broadcast System to notify the local populace of Taft, Killona, Muntz, and Norco to seek shelter.

The five individuals who became ill, after passing through the plume while on their way to work, were released from the hospital.

Although no ammonia was detected onsite, operators manually initiated emergency recirculation of the control room ventilation early in the event. The state of Louisiana will be informed.

Region IV received continuous updated information on this occurrence by telephone from the licensee during the incident response. The NRC was in the monitoring response mode through 4:20 p.m. (CDT) during this event. The resident inspector provided periodic updates from the control room. Region IV has informed the EDO, NRR, and PAO.

This information herein has been discussed with the licensee and is current as of 10 a.m., (CDT), July 21, 1995.

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