

September 21, 1995

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-I-95-039

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 I staff in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania on this date.

Facility

Cintichem Inc.  
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Tuxedo, New York  
Dockets: 05000054 License No: R-81

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: FIRE DURING DISMANTLING OF WOODEN COOLING TOWER

The Cintichem facility has been decommissioning since 1991. Remediation of the cooling tower area was complete and the area fenced off. On September 20, 1995, during disassembly of the wooden cooling tower, workmen used a torch to cut a structural bolt. The slag ignited the dry wood and the resulting fire destroyed the cooling tower. The alarm was sounded and the local police, fire department, and ambulance responded. There were no personnel injuries, loss of decommissioning equipment, or involvement of radioactive materials. The licensee notified the NRC Region I and State of New York of this non-reportable event at approximately 1600 hours on September 20, 1995.

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