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July 27, 1984

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-84-15

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 NRC staff on this date.

FACILITY: Ft. St. Vrain  
Platteville, Colorado  
50-267

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

SUBJECT: LIQUID EFFLUENT EXCEEDING TECH SPEC LIMITS

During a liquid release from the Reactor Building sump on July 20, 1984, the licensee exceeded Technical Specification Limits for gross beta by a factor of 2.24. The licensee did not recognize the violation until July 26, 1984. The licensee classified the item as an unusual event and notified the NRC and the Colorado Health Department on July 26, 1984. The licensee is investigating the source of the radioactivity and has submitted a sample to an offsite vendor for specific radionuclide identification. Response to the unusual event notification was not necessary since the release had been terminated on July 20, 1984. The HQ Duty Officer notified DOE and FDA. Region IV notified EPA.

Region IV does not plan to issue a press release. Media interest is expected. The licensee intends to issue a press release.

Region IV has scheduled a special inspection the week of July 30, 1984, to evaluate the circumstances surrounding the release and the licensee's actions which resulted in the delay in reporting the event.

This information is current as of 9:00(CST) am, date July 27, 1984.

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