

February 22, 1985

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-85-19

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: Duke Power Company
McGuire Unit 1
Docket No. 50-369
Cornelius, North Carolina

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

SUBJECT: MEDIA INTEREST IN RESIN DEPOSITS

As the result of a news release by Duke Power Company, media interest has developed in the deposit of resin beads from the plant filtration system on the roofs of plant buildings and on the grounds.

These deposits are believed to have occurred within the past three days. This event is thought to have been caused by overflowing of the resin storage tank about eight months ago and to have been triggered recently by reopening of the tank vent.

Duke found that the resin deposits were on the auxiliary building roof on February 19 after a workman who had been on the roof actuated a portal contamination monitor alarm while leaving the building. Subsequent investigation also found beads on parts of the fuel handling and reactor buildings, on concrete pads around the reactor building, and in some yard drains. Low level contamination has also been found on the grounds, both inside and outside the protected area on plant property, which may or may not be related to this event. Final cleanup is now in progress.

The State of North Carolina has been informed. Region II has responded to media inquiries.

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