

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-I-85-68

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 I staff on this date.

Facility: Philadelphia Electric Company
Peach Bottom Units 2&3
DN 50-227; 50-278

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

Subject: MISSING EMPLOYEE

On September 23, 1985 a PECO chemistry technician was determined to be missing and possibly drowned. The technician was sent to obtain an environmental water grab sample at about 8:30 a.m. on September 23, 1985. The sample was to be taken at the discharge sampling station of the discharge canal. The discharge canal mixes the cooling tower discharge and plant effluent water discharge with the Susquehanna River. The discharge canal is located about one mile south of the plant protected area boundary. The sample was being obtained by hand because the normal pump sampling system was out of service. The licensee began a search about 1:00 p.m. on September 23, 1985 and contacted the Pennsylvania State Police and the Delta-Cardiff Fire Department. The search included the use of a helicopter, boats and divers. The chemistry technician was not found and the search was discontinued about 5:00 p.m. due to darkness. The search was resumed on September 24, 1985 without success. The licensee has responded to news media inquiries. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been notified.

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Licensee: _____
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