

April 3, 1986

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-85-10

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 IV staff on this date.

FACILITY:

Public Service Company of Colorado
Fort St. Vrain
Platteville, Colorado
Docket No.: 50-267

Licensee Emergency Classification:

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

SUBJECT: OFFSITE RADIOACTIVITY RELEASE

During an unusually heavy spring blizzard, the plant experienced a partial loss of offsite power at 11:33 MST. Due to the loss of offsite power, a manual scram from 24% power was initiated at 11:42 MST. Due to subsequent loss of helium circulators and helium purification system, a noble gas release of approximately 96 millicuries occurred over a period of approximately 1 hour. The release rate was less than 0.1% of the Technical Specification limits. As of 3:30 CST, the plant is in a stable condition, offsite power has been restored and the release has terminated.

The state of Colorado has been informed.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence by the headquarters operations officer at 1:20 p.m. CST.

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