

January 11, 1988

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-88-03

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: Nebraksa Public Power District  
Cooper Nuclear Station  
Brownville, Nebraska  
DN: 50-298

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

SUBJECT: DERAILMENT OF RAILROAD CAR CARRYING EMPTY SPENT FUEL SHIPPING CASK

On January 9, 1988, at 1:30 p.m. (CST), one set of wheels of a railroad car carrying an empty spent fuel shipping cask derailed. At the time of the derailment, the car was being moved by licensee personnel between two sets of tracks on licensee controlled property. The derailment occurred because a track switch was in the wrong position. The railroad car remained in an upright position and there were no personnel injuries. This preliminary notification is issued for information only. The resident inspectors will monitor the licensee corrective actions.

There have been no news media inquiries regarding this matter.

Neither the licensee nor the NRC plans to issue a press release.

The state of Nebraska will be informed.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence by telephone call from the senior resident inspector at 7:45 a.m. on January 11, 1988.

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