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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

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September 16, 1977

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-77-160

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of an event of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by IE staff on this date.

Facility: Commonwealth Edison Company, Dresden Unit No. 1
(DN 50-10), Morris, IL

Subject: RELEASE ABOVE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS LIMIT

At 7:00 a.m. on September 16, 1977, 910 gallons of contaminated laundry water was released from the Dresden Unit No. 1 Nuclear Station to the discharge canal at a concentration greater than that allowed by the Technical Specifications. An error was made in the calculation of the dilution needed for the laundry water. The total release contained less than 0.4 microcuries.

The event is not considered to be a health and safety problem, but could attract public interest.

A press release is being prepared by the licensee. A press release by Region III is under review. The State of Illinois has been notified.

The licensee notified an onsite Region III inspector of the release and the inspector notified the Region III Office at 1:00 p.m. on September 16, 1977.

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