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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-80-31

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 as of this date

FACILITY: Florida Power and Light Company
St. Lucie Unit 1
Docket No. 50-335
Hutchinson Island, Florida

SUBJECT: EXTRANEIOUS LIQUID AND RESIN FOUND IN RADWASTE SHIPMENT

On February 19, 1980 a shipment of spent resin from St. Lucie Unit 1 arrived at the Barnwell Waste Disposal Site. During routine surveillance, 18 gallons of liquid containing some resin were discovered at the bottom of the shipping cask after the liner was removed. No radiochemical analysis of the liquid or resin was performed. The mixture of liquid and resin was handled as radioactive waste, solidified by Chem-Nuclear Systems, Inc., at Barnwell, and buried at the site. The source of liquid and resin in the cask has not been confirmed; however, the licensee stated the shipment was loaded in the rain and was slightly over-filled during loading.

Media interest is not expected. Neither the State of South Carolina, the licensee, nor the NRC plans a news release.

Region II (Atlanta) received notification of this occurrence from the State of South Carolina at 3:00 p.m. on February 25, 1980. This information is current as of 8:00 a.m. on February 26, 1980.

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