

October 14, 1988

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-88-62A

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 II staff on this date.

FACILITY: R.S.I.

Docket No.  
State Agreement License

Licensee Emergency Classification:

Notification of Unusual Event

Alert

Site Area Emergency

General Emergency

X Not Applicable

SUBJECT: UPDATE

The joint DOE - State of Georgia press conference held on October 13, 1988 went well. State and DOE representatives made a highly effective presentation on the Cs-137 leakage problem at RSI and the proposed assessment activities. The press conference was widely attended by the electronic and printed media representatives. DOE representatives are currently on-site using an improved "sipping" technique to identify the leaking source. Sipping operations will be conducted over 12 hour shifts throughout the weekend. Activity levels in the pool remain around  $2.4 \times 10^{-5}$  uCi/ml. As a precaution, DOE contractors are planning to install additional demineralizer units and procure lead blankets for use in shielding certain equipment outside the cell area. A Region II representative is on-site today to observe operational activities.

This information is current as of 3:00 p.m. on October 14, 1988.

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