

July 23, 1975

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE --PN-75-54

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Facility: Palisades

Subject: Release of Liquid Radioactive Waste that Exceeded Technical Specification Limits.

The on site inspector was informed on July 22, 1975, of a release of liquid waste that contained a concentration of radioactive material approximately 15% in excess of the limit listed in the Technical Specifications.

Because of a malfunction of a flow indicator, the discharge rate of the liquid radwaste was being recorded incorrectly. Upon completion of the discharge, a confirmation of the flow rate was made by tank level charges with time. At this time it was determined that the actual discharge flow rate was greater than the recorded flow rate by a factor of approximately 3.

The Resident Inspector was at the site.

The magnitude of the release is considered to be minor.

The licensee intends to issue a press release.

Region III received notification of this occurrence by K. R. Baker from Plant Superintendent at 4:00 p.m. on July 22, 1975.

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