

June 21, 1989

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-89-38A

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: Fansteel, Inc.
Muskogee, Oklahoma
License: SMB-911
Docket: 40-07580

Licensee Emergency Classification:
____ Notification of Unusual Event
____ Alert
____ Site Area Emergency
____ General Emergency
X Not Applicable

SUBJECT: OFFSITE RELEASE OF SOURCE MATERIAL (UPDATE)

Three NRC staff members reviewed licensee activities on site Tuesday after an estimated 90,000 gallons of process effluent was released from the site on Sunday, June 18, 1989. There have been no further releases, and the effluent has been contained behind a temporary embankment. The Region IV office will issue a letter to the licensee today confirming licensee actions to begin processing the impounded effluent and to make other site modifications to mitigate the consequences of further impoundment leakage.

One of the three NRC staff members will remain in the vicinity of the site through Friday, June 23.

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