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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

February 27, 1978

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF SAFEGUARDS EVENT--

PNS-78-08

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE national security 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: General Atomic Company
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Docket No. 70-734

Subject: EXCESSIVE INVENTORY DIFFERENCE (MUF)

On February 24, 1978, the licensee notified Region V (San Francisco) that the inventory difference for Plant I, HTGR process, exceeded the LEMUF limit by a factor greater than 2. The licensee indicated production would be shut down by Friday midnight February 24, 1978. Preparation would then begin for a clean-out inventory scheduled for Tuesday February 28, 1978. An Immediate Action Letter (IAL) was issued to the licensee on February 24, 1978, confirming the above plans.

Region V inspectors will observe the inventory and take samples to independently test the licensee's measurements.

Media interest is possible because of current public attention to inventory differences. A news release is not planned by the licensee nor the NRC.

The Information Assessment Team (IAT) has been notified.

Region V received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the licensee at 10:30 a.m. (PST) on February 24, 1978. This information is current as of 8:15 p.m. February 24, 1978.

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