

One Liners for 8/6/03

Westinghouse

All lines are running smoothly with routine workload schedules. Two events did occur this period. The first was a leak in the aqueous waste stream from the solvent extraction area. This waste stream heads to the waste water processing facility and has impurities that are collected from the solvent extraction area. The leak occurred outside the main facility building. At first, no one thought any contamination would occur, however, upon inspection, high beta readings were detected. The area contaminated (and later remediated) was a walkway. No persons were contaminated.

The second event was the discovery of three cylinders (from a set of 20) that had several small, fixed contamination spots that read anywhere from 50,000 to 200,000 dpm. The hot spots appeared to be light tan lacquers on the cylinders. The contamination spots were not noted upon entry into the facility. However, a 100% survey of the cylinders is not performed for incoming cylinders. Cylinders leaving the plant receive a 100% survey, which lead to this discovery. Westinghouse reviewed the plant processes to see if any of them could have generated such contamination, but no source could be found. Westinghouse believes that the cylinders might have arrived to the facility in this condition, and therefore contacted USEC to inform them that these cylinders were possibly shipped that way. USEC is investigating the issue. Before Westinghouse ships the cylinders back, all contamination will be removed via special solutions since these spots cannot be smeared/rubbed off.