

December 22, 1986

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-86-37

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: Halliburton Services
Duncan, OK

Docket: 30-05900
30-20094

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

SUBJECT: MEDIA INTEREST IN RECENT NRC INSPECTION

Region IV conducted a special inspection on December 9-12, 1986, to investigate anonymous allegations made concerning improper use and disposal of licensed material. The inspector confirmed one allegation and identified several apparent violations. Two violations related to the improper disposal of radioactive material and surface contamination outside the controlled area. The inspector estimated that less than 1 mCi of activity was located on licensee property outside the radiologically controlled area. The licensee committed to a careful survey of all areas outside the controlled area and packaging all waste for proper disposal.

The Oklahoma City television media received a call from an unknown person over the weekend stating that a "release of radioactive material had occurred" from the licensee's facility. The RIV PAO has had several discussions with the television media on 12/22/86.

The licensee and NRC have responded to news media interest.

Neither the licensee nor the NRC plans to issue a press release.

The State of Oklahoma participated in the inspection.

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