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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington

Dear Sirs:

Fort St. Vrain nuclear generating plant is, unfortunately, located about fifteen miles south of Greeley.

From time to time, there is an "unscheduled discharge" of radioactive material - a euphemism meaning that matters, once again, have gotten out of hand.

I have.
Public Service Co. of Colo. owns, runs
or controls this plant. As soon as there
has been an "unscheduled release," it can
be counted upon to say that the release
was minor and posed no danger. The
a recording.

My question is this: Why is the fox left guarding the hen house? and why doesn't some independent and qualified agency - perhaps the State



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1 Health Department - make that
determination & announcement?
After all, the public has a right
to know what occurred -
truthfully.

I, for one, have zero confi-
dence in any announcement the
PSC might make on this subject.

Sincerely,

Dr. L. ASHLOCK

Radioactivity release minor at nuke plant

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PLATTEVILLE (AP) — A minor release of radioactivity occurred early Saturday at the Fort St. Vrain Nuclear Generating Station near here, Public Service Co. of Colorado reported.

A utility spokesman said the release posed no danger to the health and safety of the workers at the plant or to the public.

The incident, which occurred at 1 a.m. Saturday, did not require shutting down the reactor, which was at 5 percent reactor power at the time, the spokesman said.

Two workers in the reactor building were evacuated immediately and received no detectable exposure, the company said.

PSC said it notified the Colorado Division of Disaster Emergency Services, the governor and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission of the incident, as required by law.

The minor release resulted from two moisture penetration monitoring units, the spokesman said. Workers have sealed the units until new valves can be installed.

At 8:45 a.m. Saturday, the reactor building was down to background radiation levels and normal work activity continued, the spokesman said.

Fort St. Vrain personnel will resume the process of increasing reactor power in preparation for the start up next week of the generating unit after a four-month shutdown for a system modification.