

December 27, 1996

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-96-085

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 Region II staff in Atlanta, Georgia on this date.

Facility

Vectra, Inc.
Columbia, South Carolina

Licensee Emergency Classification

Notification of Unusual Event
Alert
Site Area Emergency
General Emergency
X Not Applicable

Subject: TRANSPORTATION INCIDENT IN SOUTH CAROLINA

On December 26, 1996, a tractor trailer carrying a Vectra shipping cask broke down on a highway in South Carolina. The trailer was a low-boy type and one of the welds broke, which caused the trailer to fall to the ground. The cask contained radioactive water cleanup resins from the Cooper Nuclear Power Station. The cask was in transit to the Barnwell waste disposal site.

The State Department of Health and Environmental Control responded to the scene. There was no release of radioactive material and the cask was undamaged. The cask was placed onto another trailer and successfully transported to a Vectra facility in Columbia, South Carolina. The cask will remain there until Vectra resolves issues with an expired transportation permit for the overweight trailer.

The Cooper Station notified the NRC (Event Notification Number 31514). Region II discussed with the State. There was local media interest from a TV station in Columbia, South Carolina.

This information is current as of 10:30 a.m. on December 27, 1996.

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