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Facility: U.S. Ecology, Inc.
Zionsville, IN 46077

Licensee Emergency Classification:
☐ Notification of an Unusual Event
☐ Alert
☐ Site Area Emergency
☐ General Emergency
☒ Not Applicable

License applicant

Subject: NEWS MEDIA AND PUBLIC INTEREST IN PROPOSED WASTE STORAGE FACILITY

U. S. Ecology has submitted an application to Region III (Chicago) for a license for a facility to store low-level radioactive waste pending shipment to a licensed commercial waste disposal facility. (U.S. Ecology operates disposal facilities in Nevada and Washington.) Shipping containers would be collected for temporary storage from various users of radioactive materials; the containers would not be opened at the facility.

The initial application was received by Region III on February 15, 1985; supplementary information was received on October 4, 1985, designating Zionsville, Indiana, as the site of the proposed facility.

Region III has also received a letter from Congressman Dan Burton of Indiana dated October 4, 1985, requesting that a public hearing be held on the application. The hearing described by the Congressman would present information on the proposed facility as well as a description of NRC regulations which must be met.

Region III is currently reviewing the application, and is keeping Congressman Burton's staff informed of the status of the review. A public meeting or similar forum will be provided at the appropriate time during the review. The Congressman's staff plans to meet with U. S. Ecology to discuss the proposed facility.

The State of Indiana will be kept informed of the status of the review and has been notified of the specific interests of Congressman Burton.

There has also been local news media interest in the facility.

This information is current as of 10 a.m. (CDT), October 15, 1985.

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