

October 30, 1996

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-96-074

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

Abb Industrial Systems, Inc.
P. O. Box 8250
Columbus, Ohio 43202-9949
Dockets: 03005610 License No: 34-00255-03

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: EXTREMITY EXPOSURE

The RSO at ABB Industrial Systems, Inc., in Columbus, Ohio, reported to NRC and the State of Georgia (an Agreement State) that a female employee had been exposed to approximately 1000 rem to both hands at the Gilman Paper Company facility in St. Marys, GA. The exposure occurred on Sunday, October 27, 1996 while the individual was performing maintenance on a thickness gauge window. The gauge contained 250 millicuries of krypton-85. The service person was unaware that the gauge shutter had been physically wired open. Radiation surveys were not performed.

NRC, Region III is coordinating with the State of Georgia and Region II on followup of the incident with the licensee.

The State of Georgia will conduct an investigation of the circumstances surrounding the event with the Gilman Paper Company and the Licensee located in St. Mary's, GA. The Licensee had not filed reciprocity for work at the paper company.

No media interest is expected at this time.

This information is current as of October 29, 1996 at 11:15 a.m., EST.

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