DCS No.:9999999030916 Date: September 17, 2003

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-I-03-028

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 I staff on this date.

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Licensee Emergency Classification</u>
Edgewater Manor Apartments	Notification of Unusual Event
120 Elm Street	Alert
Beverly, New Jersey 08010	Site Area Emergency
	General Emergency
	X Not Applicable
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Docket No.: 99990001

License No.: General License

SUBJECT: MISSING TRITIUM EXIT SIGNS

The Assistant Manager of Edgewater Manor Apartments contacted the NRC Region I office at approximately 2:00 p.m. on September 16, 2003, to inform the NRC that two EXIT signs containing tritium were noted missing from Building X in their apartment complex. The licensee stated that this was discovered during the annual inspection by the State Fire Protection Department that was conducted on September 16, 2003. The licensee stated that these signs were purchased from Isolite Corporation, but did not know the of date of purchase, the model numbers, or the total activity in each sign. Such signs may contain curie amounts of tritium and pose no radiation safety hazard to members the public if they remain intact.

The licensee stated that they do not know when the signs were removed from the building. The licensee also stated that these signs were in place during the last inspection that was conducted last year.

This information is current as of 3:30 p.m., September 16, 2003.

The State of New Jersey has been notified of this event. The Region I Office of Public Affairs is prepared to respond to media inquiries.

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