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John, Steve, Rick:

Please consider this formal notification that PRI had a reportable release of production fluid at the F-5 Header House located in Mine Unit-F at the Smith Ranch-Highland Uranium Project. The release was detected at 10:30 am on February 26, 2005 by a Satellite Operator. The release resulted from a break in the main PVC pipe production well header in the Header House. It occurred during the start up of the wellfield, after an unscheduled shut down.

Approximately 3000 gallons of production fluid was released. It contained a uranium concentration of approximately 11.5 mg/L. The release ran into a ephemeral draw where it collected with snowmelt in four potholes. A Vac Truck was used to recover the fluid and snowmelt from these areas. Approximately 4500 gallons of snowmelt water and the released fluid was recovered. The fluid was disposed at the Satellite 3 facility.

A written report will be submitted within 7 days.

Sincerely:

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