

## Saxton, John

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**To:** David Schellinger; Saxton, John  
**Cc:** Ralph Knode; Nikolas Roche  
**Subject:** [External\_Sender] Reportable Spill at Ross

Dave and John:

I left both of you voice messages but want to follow-up with an email notification that we had a reportable spill last night at the Ross Project. Our operators began a transfer of water from Pond Cell 3 to the plant last night. Due to miscommunications a valve was left open at the valve vaults for Cell 1 and 2. This allowed transferred water to fill the vaults and flow out along the western embankment of the pond. The water ran under the Pond Fence and collected in the low area between that fence and the access road. The spill did not leave the fenced CPP site. We estimate that 1200 gallons was spilled and we were able to collect between 200 and 300 gallons. As such the spill exceeds WDEQ reporting limits of 420 gallons (10 barrels). None of the solution entered a waterway.

Pond Cell 1 has been in use since operations began. Most waste has been sent directly to the deep well so Cell 1 primarily contained water produced from swabbing injection wells, water pumped from headerhouse sumps, and rain water. A sample was collected and analyzed for uranium, with a result of 0.7 mg/L. The sample will be sent out for radium-226 analysis. Our current injection solution radium content is approximately 150 pCi/L so I would not expect concentrations in excess of that.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I will be submitting a written report within 7 days as required by our DEQ Permit to Mine.

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