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Reference: 10CFR71.95 Reports.

This letter will constitute the initial and preliminary notification of a transportation problem.

On Tuesday, January 17, 1995, J.L. Shepherd and Associates was notified by Rochester Gas and Electric that there was a problem with the receipt of a Type A transportation package.

Note: there was no breach or loss of containment of the Type A package, there was no release of the sources or exposures above the White I diamond label under which this package was shipped, and as a device containing radioactive materials (an Eberline Model 1000B), the operating system damage failed in the fully "safe" mode, the sources could not be exposed operationally.

The Type A shipment left J.L. Shepherd and Associates on January 11, 1995 on a Nation Wide Transportation truck. The type A container was mounted on a heavy duty 48" x 48" skid, with blocking to prevent movement, surrounded by a heavy duty box. The box was marked as follows: 2 each, White I diamond labels, on opposite sides; 2 each, labels containing the Container No., Gross weight, "USA DOT 7A, Type A, (RQ) Radioactive Materials, Special Form, N.O.S., UN2974 (Inside Container, Complies with Prescribed Regulations) below the diamond label; 4 each, on each side, "Fragile" stickers; 4 each "This Side Up" labels; and 1 each "Tip-N-Tell" indicator.

The shipment was delivered by Kerr Freight Lines to Rochester Gas and Electric. Rochester Gas and Electric reported that the shipment was received without either the box or the skid, that the Type A container was damaged and that there was no indication that it was a radioactive material shipment, except for the receiver. According to Rochester Gas and Electric, (to paraphrase) the driver was glad to have it off of his truck because it had been rolling around.

According to later preliminary reports and photographs from Rochester Gas and Electric, the source shield is not damaged and the sources are completely secured within the shield. Radiation levels are in accordance with the levels as shipped from J.L. Shepherd and Associates. Preliminary reports do show damage to the devices operating and interlock systems; however the sources cannot be moved to the exposed position. A complete damage estimate will be made by a J.L. Shepherd and Associates' engineer effects complete system operational check-

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out repairs. Both Rochester Gas and Electric and J.L. Shepherd and Associates is in the process of establishing when and where the damage occurred and are starting a transportation claim action.

On January 18, 1995, J.L. Shepherd and Associates ascertained that our Chemtrec 800 Emergency Response Phone Number had not been called from the date this shipment left San Fernando until the time it arrived at Rochester Gas and Electric.

On January 19, 1995, Rochester Gas and Electric informed us that their on-site U.S.N.R.C. inspector has reported this situation to Region I. Although there seems to be no "instance in which there is a significant reduction in the effectiveness of the packaging", the sources remained intact and secure in the 7A package despite damage to the package, the U.S.N.R.C. notification process has started; therefore, J.L. Shepherd and Associates is providing notification to this office (within the prescribed 30 day notification period).

If we may provide you with additional information, please advise.

Sincerely,

J.L. SHEPHERD AND ASSOCIATES



Mary F. Shepherd
Vice President



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Docket File

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DOCKET NO(S). 50-244

SUBJECT: R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant

The following documents concerning our review of the subject facility are transmitted for your information.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Draft/Final Environmental Statement	
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Enclosures: See attached
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Ginna Nuclear Power Plant

Semiannual Radioactive effluent release rept for Jan-June, dated 6/30/94.

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