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NOTICE OF NON-ROUTINE EVENT INVOLVING AGREEMENT STATE OR  
AGREEMENT MATERIALS - 80-34

This NOTICE constitutes an early report of events occurring in an Agreement State of possible safety or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by State Agreements Program staff as of this date.

AGREEMENT STATE: Colorado

FACILITY: Union Carbide Corp. Uranium Mill, Uravan

SUBJECT: Liquid Raffinate Line Break

Colorado reported to OSP that a liquid raffinate line leading to an evaporation pond broke at the subject facility. The break occurred around 11:55 PM on 9/17/80. The flow in the line was about 200 gallons per minute and the company estimated about 3000 to 5000 gallons of liquid were released to the San Miguel River. The liquid flowed down grade along a diversion ditch and dike & overtopped the dike which was clogged with debris. The flow crossed a roadway, then onto a few residential lawns in the town of Uravan, then into the San Miguel River. The company shut off the line upon discovery and started immediate clean-up operations of the unrestricted area. State inspectors are to be on site today (9/19/80).

Environmental sampling has been started by the company and confirmatory measurements will be performed by the State. No enforcement action has been taken by the State but will be considered at the conclusion of the investigation.

There have been no reported injuries to personnel or damage to wildlife such as fish.

No press release is planned by the State.

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