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Licensee Emergency Classification:
 ___ Notification of Unusual Event
 ___ Alert
 ___ Site Area Emergency
 ___ General Emergency
XX Not Applicable

FACILITY: No facility involved
No Licensee involved

SUBJECT: REPORTED RADIOACTIVE WASTE DRUM

At 6:00 P.M., PST, on January 9, 1983, the Region V duty officer was informed by the Headquarters duty officer of a call received from the U.S. Coast Guard. The Coast Guard reported a 55-gallon drum marked as containing radioactive waste had been observed on the beach in Santa Barbara, California. Numerous state and federal agencies became involved, including the State Health Department, the State Office of Emergency Services, U.S. Coast Guard, NRC, EPA, and DOE. The drum was recovered by the Coast Guard. It was not marked as radioactive and contained what appeared to be some waste oil.

Media attention has resulted, including reports on radio news stations in both the Los Angeles area and the San Francisco area.

This PN is issued for information only, and no further action by Region V is anticipated. This information is current as of 9:00 A.M., PST on January 10, 1982.

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