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RESPONSE TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

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DATE JUN 29 1993	
DOCKET NUMBER(S) (if applicable)	

REQUESTER
Masaharu Kawata

PART I.—AGENCY RECORDS RELEASED OR NOT LOCATED (See checked boxes)

- No agency records subject to the request have been located.
 - No additional agency records subject to the request have been located.
 - Requested records are available through another public distribution program. See Comments section.
 - Agency records subject to the request that are identified in Appendix(es) _____ are already available for public inspection and copying at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, DC.
 - Agency records subject to the request that are identified in Appendix(es) A are being made available for public inspection and copying at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, DC, in a folder under this FOIA number.
 - The nonproprietary version of the proposal(s) that you agreed to accept in a telephone conversation with a member of my staff is now being made available for public inspection and copying at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, DC, in a folder under this FOIA number.
 - Agency records subject to the request that are identified in Appendix(es) _____ may be inspected and copied at the NRC Local Public Document Room identified in the Comments section.
 - Enclosed is information on how you may obtain access to and the charges for copying records located at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, DC.
 - Agency records subject to the request are enclosed.*
 - Records subject to the request have been referred to another Federal agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.
- Fees
- You will be billed by the NRC for fees totaling \$ _____.
 - You will receive a refund from the NRC in the amount of \$ _____.
- In view of NRC's response to this request, no further action is being taken on appeal letter dated _____, No. _____

PART II. A—INFORMATION WITHHELD FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Certain information in the requested records is being withheld from public disclosure pursuant to the exemptions described in and for the reasons stated in Part II, B, C, and D. Any released portions of the documents for which only part of the record is being withheld are being made available for public inspection and copying in the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, DC in a folder under this FOIA number.

COMMENTS

*Agency records subject to your FOIA request that are identified on the enclosed Appendix A are enclosed.

The NRC is continuing to review records subject to your request. We will notify you upon completion of the review.

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SIGNATURE, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PUBLICATIONS SERVICES

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APPENDIX A
DOCUMENTS BEING PLACED IN THE PLR

NUMBER	DATE	DESCRIPTION
1.	08/31/84	Preliminary Notification of Event or Unusual Occurrence--PNO-V-84-57 (1 page)
2.	09/07/84	Note from Lubenau to Metzger (1 page)
3.	09/10/84	Preliminary Notification of Event or Unusual Occurrence--PNO-IE-84-02 (2 pages)
4.	11/30/84	Memorandum from Cunningham to Attached Distribution transmitting Summary Report on Contamination Incident (40 pages)
5.	10/1986	Article, "Radioactive Contamination of Manufactured Products" (17 pages)
6.	04/26/91	Letter from Lewis to Lubenau transmitting document entitled, "Radioactive Material Detection Systems for Steel Scrap" (103 pages)

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EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-V-84-57 Date: 08/31/84

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events 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 IE staff on this date.

FACILITY: Western American Manufacture
Valencia, California
Non-licensee
California Agreement State Response

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

SUBJECT: FIXED COBALT-60 CONTAMINATED PLUMBING FITTINGS

Very slightly contaminated (less than 0.2 mrad per hour, the unrestricted NRC release limit at the surface) plumbing fittings were found by a California/NRC licensee. The contamination appears to be, at first analysis, cobalt-60 fixed into the steel. The contaminated fittings (piping unions and tees, 1" to 1-1/2" in diameter of galvanized steel) have been traced through a local hardware store to a California distributor Western American Manufacture, Valencia, California. The California Radiation Control inspectors have surveyed and embargoed those fittings containing the fixed radioactivity. Twenty (20) representative samples have been sent to the State of California, Department of Health Laboratory for further analysis. The results are expected to be available on September 4, 1984.

Western American Manufacture purchases the fittings directly from Taiwan Speco Co. Limited, Taipei, Taiwan under the Coin Brand tradename. Efforts are underway through International Programs (IP) to contact the Taiwanese government. The State of California is following up local distribution within the State and will contact NRC with further developments or if the distribution is found to cross State or international boundaries.

NRC staff including IE, NMSS, IF, PA, EDO, OSP, RV have implemented the Interim Plan for NRC Response to Materials Contamination Incidents.

NRC Region V is following the State's progress and standing by to provide technical assistance if requested.

Region V was informed of this event by telephone from the State of California on August 30, 1984.

There has been no media interest at this time. This information is current as of noon (PDT), August 31, 1984

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March 31, 1993

With reference to a Freedom of Information Request

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
ACT REQUEST

FOIA-93-203

Rec'd 4-7-93

Dear Sir or Madam

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, I hereby request access to, or a copy of the information, together with all appendices, annexes or other materials attached to that, as follows.

- (1) Articles or reports by Dr. ANTHONY LAMASTRA published in 1989, concerning the accidents occurred from contamination of cobalt-60 or other radioisotopes.
- (2) Any other reports about contamination of metals by radioisotopes which are imported from Taiwan.
- (3) Reports on the accidents in Taiwan in 1992 that discovered radiation pollution of apartment and other buildings by cobalt-60.

If you determine that all or a part of the information on my request can be disclosed, please send me that one by air mail as soon as possible.

If any expenses in excess of \$ 100 are incurred in connection with this request, please inform me in advance for my approval. And I ask you that any fees be waived because furnishing information could be considered as "primarily benefitting the public".

If you determine that some portion of the information on my request are exempt from release, I request that you provide me with remainder. I hereby reverse my right to appeal any such decisions.

If you don't grant this request within 14 working days, I will consider my request denied. Thanks in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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