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Southern California Edison Company
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Unit No. 1
San Clemente, CA
Docket No. 50-206

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

SUBJECT: Uncontrolled Release of Radioactive Material to County Sewage Treatment Facility

On September 15, 1982, the licensee had a contractor (IT Transport Corp.) pump down an obsolete septic tank located within the restricted area. On September 20, the contractor flushed the tank and again removed the waste, some 80 miles, to the Los Angeles county sewage treatment facility at Carson, CA. About 4:00 pm on September 21, 1982, the licensee determined that residual rinse liquid from the septic tank contained radioactive material (Cs-134 2.5E-7 uCi/ml, Cs-137 7.6E-6 uCi/ml). IT Transport Corporation was notified by the licensee and is holding both trucks from use pending surveys by the licensee to be performed Wednesday morning, September 22, 1982. The sewage treatment facility has been notified and the licensee plans to send an engineer and technician to the facility on September 22. Fifty-five hundred gallons of sludge and 3600 gallons of rinse are involved. The licensee plans to inform the State of California.

Media interest may develop. Neither the licensee nor the NRC plans to issue a press release at this time.

Region V (San Francisco) received notification of this occurrence from the licensee at 8:00 pm September 21, 1982. This information is current as of 8:40 am on September 22, 1982.

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