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Facility: Southern California Edison Company  
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Unit No. 1 (SONGS-1)  
San Clemente, California  
Docket No. 50-206

DESIGNATED ORIGINAL

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Subject: INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED THEFT OF POTENTIALLY CONTAMINATED HAND TOOLS

Regions I, II and V assisted the FBI in investigating allegations received on April 23, 1981, that various tools had been stolen by three individuals working for a contractor at SONGS-1 during the current steam generator repair outage. It was also alleged that the tools were contaminated and that these individuals had previously stolen tools from similar facilities and transported the tools across State borders to a holding area.

Physical surveys and radiation measurements were made of three dwellings occupied by the accused in the San Onofre area. Although some hand tools from the facility were found, all radiation measurements revealed normal background levels. Subsequent information indicated that the tools were decontaminated prior to removal from the site. Surveys at the alleged holding area disclosed no tools other than for normal home use and all radiation measurements revealed normal background levels.

The NRC effort was concluded on April 30, 1981. FBI investigation of criminal aspects was still in progress on May 1.

Media interest is not expected. Neither the licensee nor the NRC plans to issue a news release.

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