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Subject: [External_Sender] Follow-up Email to Verbal Notice of Unplanned Release

This is a follow up email to the phone call or voice message left by Aaron Linard regarding the unplanned wellfield release in Production Area #1 of the Nichols Ranch Unit.

At approximately 0955, an unplanned release was reported in the wellfield. The unplanned release was located within the Header House 5 area, specifically originating from recovery well CI-043B. The following is the known information at this time.

- Well CI-043B, in the Header House 5 area, started leaking at approximately 0955 (11/15/2016) and the release was stopped at approximately 1000 (11/15/2016).
- The well is located in Township: 43 Range: 76 Section 17 NENW
- The water entered a draw.
- The total volume release is approximately 55 gallons, of which, approximately 10 gallons entered the draw.
- The fluid is production water containing approximately 27.4 mg/L of uranium, and 432 pCi/L of Ra-226.
- The area is scheduled to be surveyed and mapped.
- The cause of release: Swabbing from an injection well (CH-044) into a recovery well (CI-043B) was taking place when header house 5 shut down. Swab water continued to be pumped into the recovery well causing the well to artesian. The leak detect system tripped an alarm notifying the operators of the release who responded promptly and stopped the swabbing activities within minutes of the release starting.
- Soil samples have been collected and will be submitted to a third party laboratory for analysis.

A written report will be submitted to the regulatory agencies within five (5) days of this notification. The report will include additional detail and potential corrective actions. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.



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