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GENERAL PUBLIC UTILITIES SYSTEM

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Saxton, Pa.  
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Docket No. 50-146  
License DPR-4

Dr. Peter A. Morris, Director  
Division of Reactor Licensing  
U.S. Atomic Energy Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20545

Dear Dr. Morris:

In compliance with paragraph 3.E.(1)(b) of License DPR-4, Saxton herewith reports the accidental release of a small quantity of radioactive water. This occurrence was reported to Mr. D. L. Capton, Region I Division of Compliance by telephone on November 27, 1968.

On November 26, 1968, while transferring water from the storage well to the Refueling Water Storage Tank, approximately forty gallons of water were spilled on the floor of the Safety Injection System pump house. The spill was due to failure of operating personnel to reconnect a pressure gage line (4" tubing) to its shut-off valve. The pressure gage line had been disconnected and the shut-off valve opened to vent a leg of the safety injection piping, to permit complete drainage of the piping, in order to accomplish a plant modification.

Of the 40 gallons of water spilled, approximately one gallon seeped over the door sill of the pump house into the yard area, resulting in a release of less than 10 microcuries of activity. The yard area was decontaminated by digging up and drumming the contaminated earth.

The floor of the pump house was decontaminated by washing until a smear survey showed less than 100 d/m/ft<sup>2</sup>.

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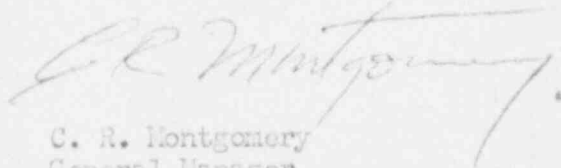
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It is concluded that this accidental release of radioactive water did not represent a possible unsafe condition relative to the operation of the facility or to the health and safety of the public.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. R. Montgomery".

C. R. Montgomery  
General Manager

cc: G. F. Trowbridge  
D. L. Capton, Region I Division of Compliance