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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-V-85-45 Date: July 17, 1985

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 Region V staff on this date.

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Naval Ocean Systems Center  
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Emergency Classification  
☐ Notification of Unusual Event  
☐ Alert  
☐ Site Area Emergency  
☐ General Emergency  
☒ Not Applicable

SUBJECT: CONTAMINATION OF THREE LABORATORIES

The Region V office was notified by the licensee at 11:25 a.m., PDT, on July 17, 1985 that they had a contamination problem involving a 2 millicurie vial of Osmium 185 and 191 which was received from the University of Missouri. The vial had been received and opened in a fume hood on July 15, 1985 at 4:00 p.m., PDT. The material volatilized and contaminated three laboratories and the fume hood. There was a HEPA filter in the hood. The three persons who were in the laboratory when the vial was opened were sent to the Balboa Army Hospital for whole body counts. A small amount of uptake was indicated, but no quantitative results are available at present.

The licensee is in the process of decontaminating the laboratories and assessing the situation. Records indicate that four vials which were received inside a shielded shipping container were contaminated on receipt.

NRC Region V is following the licensee's progress.

NRC Region III has been notified.

No press releases have been issued.

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