

December 26, 1996

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-I-96-097

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by Region I staff in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania on this date.

Facility

Edgewater Manor Apartments
Edgewater Manor Apartments
120 Elm Street
Edgewater Park, New Jersey
Dockets: 99990001 License No: General

Licensee Emergency Classification

Notification of Unusual Event
Alert
Site Area Emergency
General Emergency
X Not Applicable

Subject: TRITIUM EXIT SIGNS STOLEN FROM APARTMENT COMPLEX

On December 26, 1996, the Region I office was notified by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Radiation Protection Programs that seven (7) tritium exit signs were stolen from the Edgewater Manor Apartments in Edgewater Park, New Jersey. Apartment management reported the theft to the local police on December 20, 1996, and to the DEP on December 24, 1996. The exit signs were manufactured and distributed under a general license by Isolite Corporation. Each sign contains approximately 20 curies of tritium. According to apartment management, ninety (90) exit signs were installed in the apartment complex's 45 buildings in late 1994. Apartment management plans to distribute flyers throughout the apartment complex and to local media in order to alert the public. The flyers will describe the exit signs and provide names and phone numbers to contact.

The State of New Jersey has been notified. The Region I Public Affairs Office is prepared to respond to media inquiries.

This information is current as of 1:30 p.m. on December 26, 1996.

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