

License No. General License
Docket No. 99990001
MLER-RI - 96-54

EDGEWATER MANOR APARTMENTS

COOPER & ELM STREET
EDGEWATER PARK, NEW JERSEY 08010

(609) 877-2855

December 28, 1996

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
Region 1
475 Allendale Road
King Prussia, PA 19406

Dear Sirs,

As per our conversation on December 26, 1996 I am notifying you in writing of the disappearance of seven Nuclear Exit Signs.

These signs disappeared sometime before December 20, 1996. We are sending out letters to our residents informing them of the danger of exposure to the tritium that is contained inside of the signs.

If we find these signs we will notify you immediately. If you need any further information please contact me at the above number.

Sincerely,

Dodi Conley
Dodi Conley
Assistant Manager

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REGION I

DCS No.: 99990001961220
Date: December 26, 1996

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PN1-097

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Facility:
Edgewater Manor Apartments
120 Elm Street
Edgewater Park, New Jersey

Licensee Emergency Classification:
☐ Notification of Unusual Event
☐ Alert
☐ Site Area Emergency
☐ General Emergency
☒ Not Applicable

Docket No.: 99990001
License No.: General
Event No.:
Event Location Code: MAT

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.

Contact: Duncan White Jenny Johansen
 (610) 337-5042 (610) 337-5304

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NRR** (Phone Verif: Violet Bowden 415-1168 or 415-1166)

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Regional Offices _____ RI Resident Office _____

Licensee: _____

(Reactor Licensees)

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Christine Todd Whitman
Governor

State of New Jersey
Department of Environmental Protection

Robert C. Shinn, Jr.
Commissioner

TELEFAX TRANSMITTAL FORM

RADIATION PROTECTION PROGRAMS
25 ARCTIC PARKWAY
CN415
TRENTON, N.J. 08625-0415
Telefax # 633-2210

DOCUMENT SENT TO: Duncan White

DOCUMENT SENT BY: Bill Csaszar
NUMBER OF PAGES SENT: 1

NUMBER OF PAGES SENT (Including Cover)

DATE: 12/26/96

PERSON TO CONTACT IN REFERENCE TO THIS COMMUNICATION:
PHONE NUMBER: _____

PHONE NUMBER:

COMMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER NOTIFICATION REPORT

Received 12/24/96

TD Log# 20404

Operator PAT

Reviewed By

Case # 96-12-24-0957-27

Reported By	Notification Type Other	Phone
DODI CONLEY	Affiliation	609-877-2835
Street Address	EDGEWATER MANOR	State
120 ELM ST	Municipality	NJ
	BEVERLY	

Incident Location: Other	Phone	
Site: EDGEWATER MANOR APARTMENTS	609-877-2835	
Street Address	County	
120 ELM ST	BURLINGTON	
	State	
	NJ	
Location Type Residential	Incident Date 12/20/96	Time UNK

Substance Released RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL			
Amount Released () UNKNOWN			
ID Known State Solid CASE	Release is		
Additional Substances			
Substance Contained? Y	Hazardous Material? Y	TCPA? N	A310 Letter? Y
COMU Code 0312	Referral Code 007		

Incident Description RADIATION			
Injuries? N	Public Evac? N	Facility Evac? N	Public Exposure? N
Police On Scene? N	Firemen On Scene? N	DEP Requested? Y	Wind Sp/Dir
Contamination Of NONE	Receiving Water		
Status at Scene			
7 NUCLEAR EXIT SIGNS CONTAINING TRITIUM STOLEN FROM COMPLEX. THEFT REPORTED TO EDGEWATER PARK PD ON 12/20/96.			

Responsible Party Known	Phone	
Party EDGEWATER MANOR APAR	609-877-2835	
Contact DODI CONLEY	Title ASST MGR	
Street Address	County	State
120 ELM ST	EDGEWATER PARK	BURLINGTON NJ

OFFICIALS NOTIFIED					
Name	Affiliation	Phone	Date	Time	
NJSP NJSP-DEM	SGT. MCNULTY	609-882-2000	12/24/96	1013	
MUNIC EDGEWATER PARK TWP	OPR 155	609-267-8300	12/24/96	1016	
OTHER					

Name	Affiliation	Method	Date	Time	T/M
1 KENT TOSCH	ESHA	Radiation	Office	12/24/96	1010 B
2 JIM MANUEL	DRPSR	ER2	Office	12/24/96	1012 T
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COMMENTS

Email to John Garry
Notified Noel

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REGION I
NMSS LICENSEE EVENT REPORT

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MLER-R# 96-54

LICENSEE Edgewater Manor Apartments
EVENT DESCRIPTION stolen tritium exit signs
EVENT DATE 12/26/96 REPORT DATE 12/28/96

1. REPORTING REQUIREMENT

- ☒ 10 CFR 20.2201 Theft or Loss
☐ 10 CFR 20.2203 30 Day Report
☐ 10 CFR 30.50 Report
☐ 10 CFR 35.33 Misadministration
☐ License Condition
☒ Other 31.5

2. REGION I RESPONSE

- ☐ Immediate Site Inspection Inspector/Date _____
☐ Special Inspection Inspector/Date _____
☐ Telephone Inquiry Inspector/Date _____
☒ Preliminary Notification ☐ Daily Report
☐ Information Entered on the Region I Log
☐ Review at Next Routine Inspection
☐ Report Referred to _____

3. REPORT EVALUATION

- ☒ ^{limited} Description of Event ☐ Corrective Actions
☐ Levels of RAM Involved ☐ Calculation Adequate
☐ Cause of Event ☒ Letter to Licensee Requesting Additional Information

4. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR COMMENTS

No followup at this time

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Completed by Judith A. Joubert
Reviewed by [Signature]

Date 1/7/97

Date 4/7/97

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