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Facility: Edlow International
1815 H Street NW
Washington, DC 20006

License No: SMC-1377

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

Subject: TERMINATION OF URANIUM STORAGE LICENSE

Region III (Chicago) has terminated the license of Edlow International's uranium storage facility in East St. Louis, Illinois, following removal of all material stored there.

The facility had been licensed for the storage of uranium in two forms--uranium ore concentrate (yellowcake) and uranium hexafluoride. Both materials are intermediate forms for uranium being processed into fuel for nuclear power plants. Edlow provided only a storage service, and no processing was performed at the East St. Louis site.

Edlow informed the NRC in May 1985 that it planned to end its use of the facility as a storage site by August 31, 1985.

Region III performed an independent survey on August 29, 1985, following removal of the remaining uranium from the site. The survey disclosed no evidence of any radioactive contamination at the site, and the property has been released for unrestricted use.

There has been extensive local public interest in the facility because of opposition by area residents to the storage activity. A fire in a warehouse used to store uranium in December 1983 also attracted considerable interest. (There was no release of radioactive material as a result of the fire.)

State of Illinois personnel accompanied the Region III inspector during the site survey.

Region III will issue a news announcement to the local news media.

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