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Facility: Metropolitan Edison Company
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Subject: TRUCK TRANSPORTING LOW SPECIFIC ACTIVITY (LSA) RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL SLIPS OFF ICY ROAD

On December 9, 1979, a Tri-State Motor Transit Company tractor trailer truck transporting 10 wooden boxes containing low specific activity (LSA) radioactive material slipped off Interstate 90 near Missoula, Montana into a ditch. Telephone reports from the scene of the accident state that there was no damage to the tractor trailer or to the wooden boxes. The driver of the truck was taken to a hospital for a check-up even though he stated he had no injuries. The tractor trailer is presently being stored in a secured area in Missoula. Another tractor is now in Missoula, and after it is inspected, the shipment will proceed to its destination.

The tractor trailer was transporting the LSA radioactive material to the Nuclear Engineering Company's (NECO) Hanford, Washington burial facility. The wooden boxes, each approximately 4 ft. x 4 ft. x 8 ft., contained compacted trash from TMI with a total activity of approximately 130 millicuries.

The NRC onsite TMI staff received notification of the accident at approximately 1:00 p.m. on December 9, 1979.

A press release is not planned by the licensee or NRC. Media interest is expected because of continued high interest in TMI activities.

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SUBJECT: ANTINUCLEAR DEMONSTRATIONS

Information has been received by the NRC regarding several anti-nuclear demonstrations commemorating the first anniversary of TMI, at or near nuclear facilities scheduled for March 28 and 29, 1980. Although unsubstantiated, information is available which indicates civil disobedience may be employed during the demonstrations. Appropriate licensees and law enforcement agencies have been notified. Necessary precautions are being taken.

The IAT has been notified.

This PN is being issued to alert the Commission of the possibility of publicity regarding these planned demonstrations.

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