

Memorandum

To: File: HSWA LANL FU-2/OU-100/TA-53
From: John Kieling *JK*
Subject: Verbal Notification of Release at TA-53, Building 62
Date: April 15, 1997

This is a memo for the file indicating that a verbal notification was given to me on the above date from Harvey Decker (LANL).

Harvey Decker called me on the morning of April 15, 1997, to indicate that a release of approximately 5,000 gallons of water occurred at TA-53-62, cooling tower. He indicated that it did not impact a water course or SWMU. This occurred on Saturday, April 12, 1997, after 3:30 P.M. and was discovered on Sunday, April 13, 1997 at about 12:30 P.M. and soon corrected thereafter. The water ran across a roadway and infiltrated into the roadway and also flow down a 18 foot embankment. The cause of the release was from a break from freezing weather on a 1-inch diameter return line. It was corrected by using a PVC pipe for diversion. Operational sampling occurs on thursdays. The nearest well is Otowi-4 at the bottom of LA Canyon approximately 1/4 mile downstream. Groundwater depth is estimated at 400 feet. Contact person is Rich Ryder (505) 667-0611.



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