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DATE: February 13, 1990

TO: All Facility Coordinators

FROM: 429/Safety Manager, Head, Safety Engineering Branch,  
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SUBJECT: Discharges into the Storm Drain System

The Center has had several recent instances in which facilities discharged oil in such a manner that it reached or could reach the storm drain system. The discharges resulted in the issuance of a Notice of Violation by the State Water Control Board. The Center was required to clean areas and as a result had to dispose of 30 drums of oil contaminated soil.

The discharge of any amount of oil, or any other substance in a manner that would permit entry into storm drains is a violation of the Center's discharge permit issued by the State Water Control Board. It is also a violation of the Clean Water Act.

Discharges can enter the storm drain system in several ways, including--

- o direct and indirect discharges into floor drains from machinery leaks or cleaning operations
- o direct or indirect (i.e., spills) discharge from hydraulic or lubricating systems or storage containers into storm drain grates located outside facilities. Spills or leakage onto the ground can, as a result of rain run off, eventually enter storm drains adjacent to our facilities.

Please review your facility operations to ensure that there are no unpermitted discharges to the storm drain system in or adjacent to your facility. After you have reviewed your operations please mark one of the boxes below, sign the sheet and return to the Safety and Environmental Management Section, M/S 429 by February 28, 1990.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have reviewed the operations of building \_\_\_\_\_ and there are no active discharges to the storm drain system.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have reviewed the operations of building \_\_\_\_\_ and a list of discharges to the storm drain system is attached.

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---- I need a survey of my facility.

Facility Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions you may call John Lee (43342) or Robert Brown (43609).

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