Radiation Safety Manual

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SECTION 6

RADIATION EMERGENCIES

6.1 MINOR SPILL

Incidents which involve the release or spillage of fewer than 100 microcuries of a radionuclide

Notify all other persons in the room at once.

Clear the room of all persons except those needed to deal with the spill.

Survey the hands and feet of the involved personnel for possible contamination.

Confine the spill immediately.

Liquids: Drop absorbent paper on the spill.

Solids: Dampen thoroughly, taking care not to spread contamination. Use water, unless a chemical reaction would release air contaminants; otherwise use oil.

Notify the laboratory supervisor.