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RELEASE OF NOBLE GAS AND IODINE INCIDENT AT NECSA NTP RADIOCHEMICAL FACILITY

The NNR confirms that it received notification of an incident which took place at Necsa's NTP Radiochemical facility on the Pelindaba site this morning 2 November 2013.

As a consequence of this incident there was a release of noble gas and iodine into the environment. According to the information available to the NNR, the releases to the environment are very low and there is no danger to members of the public. Due to the nature of this incident there is no need to activate the offsite emergency plan.

"The NNR and Necsa are currently monitoring the situation and more information will be provided as soon as it becomes available" states the NNR's Chief Executive Officer, Dr Mzubanzi Bismark Tyobeka.

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About the National Nuclear Regulator (NNR)

The NNR is mandated as the competent authority in terms of the National Nuclear Regulator Act, 1999 (Act 47 of 1999) for ensuring that individuals, society and the environment are adequately protected against radiological hazards associated with the use of nuclear technology in South Africa. The mission of the NNR is to develop and maintain an efficient and effective national regulatory framework for the protection of persons, property and the environment against nuclear damage.