



Fifty Years Ago: The Gulf Accelerator Accident

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On Friday afternoon, 8 October 1967, Donald F. Rhodes had to break the bad news. Rhodes, chairman of the Radionuclide Committee of Gulf Oil Corporation's Research and Development Laboratory (GR&DC) in Harmarville, Pennsylvania, northeast of Pittsburgh, called Thomas M. Gerusky, head of the Pennsylvania Division of Radiation Protection with dosimetry results. Film badges worn by three lab workers, "Z," "C," and "M," had been processed following a suspected radiation accident. The initial reports were startling—..... Read more on page 2

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