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**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2003-2004 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

AGENCY: Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation

DEST Question No. E396_04

Senator Carr asked on 6 November 2003:

Question:

Would such a[n emergency] plan require evacuations of areas surrounding the accident?

Answer:

ANSTO has provided the following response:

Even for the extreme events analysed (question E391_04), the maximum doses to the public are very low and below levels requiring evacuation. Nevertheless, in the very unlikely event of a breach of a cask the state authorities might, for reasons related to public concern, elect to order evacuations. This would be undertaken under existing emergency plans (see answer to question E395_04), which contain provisions relating to evacuation, whether prompted by bushfire, flood or an accident involving the carriage of hazardous material.