

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-05-009

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by the Region IV staff on this date.

Facility

H&G Inspection Co., Inc.
9315 Summerbell
Houston, TX 77272

Docket Number: 030-29319
License Number: 42-26838-01

Licensee Emergency Classification

- Notification of Unusual Event
- Alert
- Site Area Emergency
- General Emergency
- Not Applicable

SUBJECT: EXCESSIVE TLD READING

DESCRIPTION: On July 6, 2005, the licensee's radiation safety officer (RSO) in Houston called the NRC Region IV office to report an excessive reading on a film badge assigned to a radiographer in their Evanston, Wyoming, office. The licensee's dosimetry vendor reported a reading greater than 1,000 rads on a badge worn during the period May 10 to June 2, 2005. The worker's employment was terminated for cause on June 2, 2005. The RSO believes this exposure was to the badge and not to the individual. No unusual events had been reported to the RSO during this period. The employee was contacted by the licensee, showed no signs of receiving an excessive exposure, and has agreed to take a blood test. The employee thinks that another employee took his dosimeter and exposed it. Self-reading dosimeters used for this period indicate an exposure of 200 millirems. None of the radiographer's assistants who worked with this employee received an abnormal exposure. The RSO is commencing an investigation. The Region will await the report from the RSO before scheduling an inspection.

This information has been discussed with the Wyoming Radiation Control Program. Region IV has informed OEDO, NMSS, and the Region's SLO and PAO. This information is current as of 1:45 p.m. (CDT) on July 6, 2005.

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