

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-I-05-029A

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 I staff on this date.

Facility

Froehling & Robertson, Inc.
1744 Seibel Drive, N.E,
Roanoke, Virginia 24012

Docket No.: 030-06580
License No.: 45-08890-02

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

SUBJECT: PORTABLE DENSITY GAUGE RECOVERED AND SECURED

The portable moisture density gauge, Troxler model 3340, S/N 36310, containing Cs-137 (9 millicuries) and Am-241 (40 millicuries) stolen from a company pick-up truck on December 12, 2005, was located inside its transport case in Roanoke, Virginia, near the Roanoke River bank, and recovered by the licensee on December 13, 2005. The lock to the transport case was cut. The gauge was found inside the case with no visible damage, and a performance test found it to be fully operational. Licensee radiation survey of the gauge indicated readings up to 2 mR/hr on the surface of the transport container, which is normal for this model. The gauge was returned to the licensee's Roanoke office. The licensee is waiting for results of a leak test performed after the gauge was returned.

This information is current as of 2:00 p.m., December 14, 2005.

Contact: Craig Gordon
610-337-5216
czg@nrc.gov

DISTRIBUTIONS:

BY E-MAIL:

OWFN

Chairman Diaz
Comm. McGaffigan Jr.
Comm. Merrifield
Comm. Lyons
Comm. Jaczko
OIP
OCA
OGC
EDO
OE
NRR
SECY
Regional Offices

TWFN

IRO
NMSS
OIG
RES

LST

PDR

BY FAX:

DOT:Trans
INPO
NSAC
RI Resident Office

SISP Review Complete: SAM9

DOCUMENT NAME: E:\Filenet\ML053490358.wpd

OFFICE	RI:DNMS	RI:DNMS	RI:DNMS	RI:SAO	RI:PAO
NAME	Cgordon/CZG	Jkinneman/JDK	GPangburn/GCP	Rbores/SAM9 f/	DScrenci/DS
DATE	12/15/05	12/15/05	12/15/05	12/15/05	12/15/05