**PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE** PNO-II-98-049A

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 Region II staff in Atlanta, Georgia on this date.

| Facility | Licensee Emergency Classification |
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| Bechtel Engineering | Notification of Unusual Event |
| (An Agreement State Licensee) | Alert |
| Deland,Florida 32720 | Site Area Emergency |
| License No: 2057-1 | General Emergency |
| | X Not Applicable |

Subject: STOLEN TROXLER MOISTURE DENSITY GAUGE -- UPDATE

This information updates PNO-II-98-049, dated November 12, 1998.

On March 20, 2000, officials of the State of Florida notified both the Headquarters Operations Center and the Region that a mositure density gauge previously stolen from Bechtel Engineering, Inc., Deland, Florida, on November 10, 1998, has been recovered.

The recovered gauge is a Troxler mositure density gauge, Model 3440, Serial No. 16346, containing one 8 mCi Cs-137 source, and one 40 mCi Am-Be source.

The Deland, Florida Police Department apparently recovered the device in November, 1999, and advised the licensee on March 17, 2000, that the gauge has been recovered and is being held in the department's evidence room. The licensee confirmed and advised State officials that the source handle is still locked, and that leak test results indicate that the integrity of the sources has apparently not been compromised.

Final disposition of the device is pending the outcome of discussions among Police officials, the licensee, and the license's insurance company.

This information was provided by officials of the State of Florida, and is current as of 3:00 PM, EST, March 20, 2000.

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