

February 23, 2000

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-00-009

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 Region II staff in Atlanta, Georgia on this date.

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Licensee Emergency Classification</u>
Srb Technologies	Notification of Unusual Event
Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27103	Alert
	Site Area Emergency
	General Emergency
	X Not Applicable

Subject: MISSING EXIT SIGNS

The North Carolina Division of Radiation Protection (DRP) notified NRC that SRB Technologies, an agreement state licensee, reported that a box of fire exit signs did not arrive at its destination. Ten boxes of exit signs were shipped via UPS from the licensee's facility in Winston-Salem, N.C. on January 27, 2000. Three of the boxes were scheduled to arrive at the DMA Company located in Salt Lake City, UT on February 3, 2000. The receiver (DMA Company) notified the licensee during the week of February 7, 2000, that one box was not received. The missing box contained 10 exit signs (Model B-100) and each sign contained 17 curies of hydrogen-3 gas, for a total of 170 curies. On February 22, 2000, the licensee notified the DRP of the missing box of signs and that UPS is conducting a search for the box.

The DRP is investigating the event and monitoring the progress of the search. The destination of the other seven boxes has not been confirmed at this time. Region II has offered assistance to the State of North Carolina if needed. The State of Utah, Division of Radiation Control has also been notified.

This information is current as of 11:00 a.m. on February 23, 2000.

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