

June 9, 2000

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-IV-00-014

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 IV staff in Arlington, Texas on this date.

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Licensee Emergency Classification</u>
State Of Oregon Licensee Kleinfelder, Inc. 15050 S.W. Koll Parkway, Suite L Beaverton, Oregon 97006-6028 License No: ORE 90687	Notification of Unusual Event Alert Site Area Emergency General Emergency X Not Applicable

Subject: STOLEN PORTABLE GAUGE

On June 7, 2000, the Oregon Health Division, Radiation Protection Services (ORPS) notified NRC's Region IV office of the theft of a portable gauge owned by Kleinfelder, Inc., an Oregon licensee. The theft was reported to ORPS by telephone at 8:20 a.m. on June 5, 2000.

A representative of Kleinfelder (licensee) reported to ORPS that the transport case containing the portable gauge (Troxler Model 3440, Serial No. 27527) was stolen from a locked trailer at a temporary job site in The Dalles, Oregon. The licensee reported that the gauge was locked and secured to the floor of the trailer with padlocks. Licensee representatives indicated that they became aware of the theft on the morning of June 3, 2000. The gauge contains an americium-241/beryllium source (Serial No. 47-24058) of approximately 1.480 gigabecquerels (40 millicuries) and a cesium-137 source (Serial No. 750-1326) of approximately 396 megabecquerels (8 millicuries). The Dalles Police Department was notified and is currently investigating the theft.

ORPS notified the States of Washington and California and the device manufacturer. ORPS also issued an information bulletin to all Oregon portable gauge licensees on June 6, 2000.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence by facsimile from the ORPS on June 7, 2000, and obtained additional information from ORPS on June 9, 2000.

Region IV has informed the OEDO, OSTP, NMSS and the I.A.T.

This information has been discussed with the State of Oregon and is current as of 11:30 a.m., June 9, 2000.

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