

May 26, 2000

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-00-023

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 (Atlanta, Georgia) on this date.

Facility	Licensee Emergency Classification
General License	Notification of Unusual Event
Anheuser-Busch, Inc.	Alert
7801 Pocahontas Trail	Site Area Emergency
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185	General Emergency
	X Not Applicable

Subject: LOST EXIT SIGN CONTAINING TRITIUM

On May 26, 2000, the licensee notified the NRC Operations Center that it had discovered a missing exit sign during a routine inventory conducted on May 22, 2000. The missing exit sign was a Perm-X Model P-160 containing approximately 7.6 curies of hydrogen-3 (tritium), and was possessed by the licensee under a general license. The licensee determined that the sign was most likely removed and inadvertently disposed when the wall it was attached to was demolished during the January 31 - February 4, 2000 timeframe as part of remodeling of a building. The sign was last inventoried in July 1999. According to the licensee, contract personnel involved in the demolition of the wall and removal of the concrete materials were interviewed and had no recollection of a sign; however, the licensee was following up with other subcontractors. The licensee is preparing a written report of the event. The Commonwealth of Virginia has been notified.

This information is current as of 2:00 p.m. on May 26, 2000.

Region II will continue to monitor the licensee's further actions to determine the status of the source.

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