

June 21, 2000

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-00-026

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.

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| Facility | Licensee Emergency Classification |
| Agreement State Licensee | Notification of Unusual Event |
| Professional Engineering & Inspect. | Alert |
| Plantation, Florida | Site Area Emergency |
| License No: FL 2113-1 | General Emergency |
| | X Not Applicable |

Subject: STOLEN TROXLER GAUGE

On June 21, 2000, the Florida Bureau of Radiation Control (FBRC) notified NRC's Operations Center of the theft of a portable gauge owned by Professional Engineering & Inspection Company, Inc., a Florida licensee. The theft was reported to FBRC at approximately 9:30 a.m. on June 21, 2000. The licensee reported that a gauge was stolen from the rear of a pickup truck parked in front of a technician's home in Miami, Florida, at approximately 6:30 a.m. that morning. The gauge was reportedly secured in the truck bed by a locked cable. The gauge was a Troxler Model 3411B (Serial No. 13210) with an americium-241 sealed source containing approximately 1.48 gigabecquerels (40 millicuries) and a cesium-137 sealed source containing approximately 296 megabecquerels (8 millicuries). The Miami Police Department was notified and is investigating the theft. FBRC is also investigating.

Region II has informed the IAT.

This information was discussed with FBRC and is current as of 3:45 p.m., June 21, 2000.

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