

February 14, 2001

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-01-008

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 the Region IV staff on this date.

Facility

Rone Engineers
Dallas, Texas
License No.: L02356
Texas Licensee

Licensee Emergency Classification

Notification of Unusual Event
 Alert
 Site Area Emergency
 General Emergency
 Not Applicable

SUBJECT: STOLEN PORTABLE GAUGE

DESCRIPTION:

On February 14, 2001, the Texas Bureau of Radiation Control (TBRC) notified Region IV by facsimile of a stolen gauge. The TBRC was informed by Rone Engineers on February 5, 2001, that a Troxler Model 3430 (Serial No. 31580) portable gauge containing a 296 megabequerel (8 millicuries) cesium-137 source (Serial No. 750-6419) and a 1480 megabequerel (40 millicuries) americium-241-beryllium source (Serial No. 47-28229) had been stolen on February 3, 2001. The licensee informed the TBRC that the gauge was stolen from a vehicle parked at the Midway Point Restaurant, 12801 Midway Road, Dallas, Texas, while the driver was eating lunch. The licensee informed TBRC that the gauge was secured in its transport case, chained and locked to the company truck. The driver reported that the gauge, lock and chain were all missing. A police report was promptly filed with the Dallas Police Department, and as of February 14, the gauge has not been recovered.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence by facsimile from TBRC at 8:30 a.m. on February 14, 2001. Region IV has informed OEDO, IAT, NMSS, OSTP, and Region IV's SLO and PAO.

This information has been discussed with the State and is current as of 10:30 a.m. on February 14, 2001.

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