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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-I-01-10

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 I staff on this date.

**Facility**

Delaware Emergency Management Agency  
165 Brick Store Landing Road  
Smyrna, DE 19977

**Licensee Emergency Classification**

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

Docket No.: N/A  
License No.: N/A

**SUBJECT: TROXLER MOISTURE/DENSITY GAUGE RECOVERED IN DELAWARE**

On April 26, 2001, the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) reported the recovery of a Troxler Model 3411B moisture density gauge containing americium-241 and cesium-137 sealed sources. The gauge was recovered in New Castle, DE just off Exit 5 of I-95 (Route 141). The gauge was found at the bottom of an embankment next to the road. The gauge was intact with the sources in their shielded positions and presented no safety hazard. The gauge is secured at DEMA's Smyrna, DE, facility pending resolution.

No paperwork or information identifying the owner was found with the gauge. DEMA provided the serial number of the gauge to Region I. Region I is working with the gauge manufacturer, Troxler Electronics Laboratories, Inc., to locate the owner of the gauge.

The EPA and the State of Delaware have been notified.

The Region I Office of Public Affairs is available to respond to public inquiries. The State of Delaware indicated that they will be issuing a press release concerning this issue. All information is current as of 2:00 p. m. on April 27, 2001.

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