

June 15, 2001

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-01-023

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 the Region IV staff on this date.

**Facility**

R. D. Plant Contracting  
Murfreesboro, Arkansas  
License No.: ARK756BP0405  
Arkansas Licensee

**Licensee Emergency Classification**

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

SUBJECT: MISSING PORTABLE GAUGE

DESCRIPTION:

On June 14, 2001, the State of Arkansas, Department of Health (ADOH), notified Region IV that a portable gauge was reported missing from the back of the Arkansas licensee's truck about 10:00 a.m. The ADOH was informed by R. D. Plant Contracting that a Troxler Electronic Laboratories Model 4640-B asphalt density gauge (Serial No. 871) containing a 296 megabequerel (8 millicurie) source of cesium-137 was known to be chained and locked in the back of the truck around 7:00 p.m. (CDT) on June 13, 2001, at Nashville, Arkansas. The chain and lock are still in the back of the truck, undamaged. Local law enforcement and the State police were promptly notified of the missing gauge. The State of Arkansas has also issued a press release.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the State at 3:15 p.m. on June 14, 2001. Region IV has informed OSTP, NMSS, OEDO, and the Region's SLO and PAO.

This information has been discussed with the State and is current as of 9:00 a.m. on June 15.

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