

July 10, 2001

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-01-029

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

CTC-Geotech
Denver, Colorado
License No.: CO RAM 55201
Colorado Agreement State License

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: STOLEN PORTABLE GAUGE

Description:

On July 10, 2001, the Colorado Department of Health (CDH) notified NRC's Operation Center of a stolen portable moisture density gauge. On July 10, 2001, at approximately 9:30 a.m. (MDT), the CDH was informed by CTC-Geotech that a Troxler Model 3430 portable gauge (Serial No. 32097) containing a 296.0 megabequerel (8 millicurie) source of cesium-137 and a 1.48 gigabequerel (40 millicurie) source of americium-241/beryllium had been stolen. The licensee informed the CDH that the gauge was stolen during the late afternoon of July 9, 2001, from the back of a company pickup truck located at a job site in Thornton, Colorado. The gauge had been chained to the back of the truck and the locks were cut while the user was inside a construction trailer receiving work information. Local law enforcement officials have been notified, and a police report and a written report will be sent to CDH.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence from NRC's Operation Center on July 10, 2001. Region IV has informed OEDO, NMSS, OSTP, IAT, and the Region's SLO and PAO.

This information has been discussed with the State and is current as of 1:00 p.m. (CDT) on July 10, 2001.

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