

April 5, 2001

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-01-011

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.

Facility

Jackson Paving and Construction, Inc.
(An Agreement State License)
Scottsboro, AL
License: 1167

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: STOLEN ASPHALT GAUGE

The Alabama Office of Radiation Control notified the NRC Operations Office that a portable asphalt content gauge was stolen from the licensee's facilities located in Scottsboro, AL. The theft was discovered at 7:00 a.m. on April 4, 2001. The gauge is a Campbell Pacific Nuclear, Model AC-2, Serial Number A29099099 containing 100 millicuries (3.7 gigabecquerels) of americium-241. The gauge was not in the transport container when it was stolen. The radioactive material is inaccessible under normal use, and the device has a permanently fixed metal label with the words, "Caution, Radioactive Material" mounted on the housing.

The Scottsboro City police have the theft under investigation. Several other items were also reported stolen during the theft. The local Emergency Management Agency has been notified. No press release is planned at this time.

Region II received initial notification of this occurrence by electronic mail from the Alabama Office of Radiation Control at 6:32 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, 2001. This information presented herein has been discussed with the State and is current as of 11.00 a.m., Thursday, April 5, 2001.

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