

**PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE** PNO-II-01-039

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**

Shaw Pipeline Services, Inc.  
(An Agreement State Licensee)  
Mobile, AL  
License: AL-1333

**Licensee Emergency Classification**

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

Subject: STOLEN RADIOGRAPHIC DEVICE

The Alabama Office of Radiation Control (ORC) notified the NRC Region II Office that the licensee (formerly Edwards Pipeline Services, Inc.) had reported a stolen industrial radiographic device. The device is a SPEC Model 150 radiographic camera, serial number 446, containing 58 curies (2.1 terabecquerels) of iridium-192. The device was stolen at about 7:45 a.m. (CST) from a vehicle parked at a restaurant on Dolphin Street and I-65, Mobile, AL.

Licensee representatives reported that they saw an individual breaking into their truck, the individual was confronted, and the licensee representatives were able to recover some of the items, but the individual got away with the radiographic device. The source guide tubes were not taken. A description of the individual, the vehicle, and the vehicle license tag number were provided to the Mobile City Police Department, who has the incident under investigation.

Region II received initial notification of this occurrence by telephone from the Alabama ORC. The ORC has prepared a news release describing the incident. The licensee also reported the incident to the NRC Operations Center. This information has been discussed with the State and is current as of 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 20, 2001.

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