

December 21, 2001

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-01-055

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

Standard Testing
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
License No.: OK-17054-01
Oklahoma Agreement State Licensee

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

SUBJECT: STOLEN PORTABLE GAUGE

DESCRIPTION: On December 21, 2001, the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) notified Region IV by telephone of a stolen portable gauge. The ODEQ was informed by Standard Testing, that a Troxler Model 3430 (Serial No. 25733) portable gauge containing a 296.0 megabequerel (8 millicurie) cesium-137 source (Serial No. 75-8614) and a 148.0 megabequerel (40 millicurie) americium-241/beryllium source (Serial No. 47-22109) had been stolen on December 20, 2001. The licensee reported that the authorized user had stopped at a fast food restaurant located at Interstate-35 and South 29th Street in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma between 0725 and 0800 (CST). The authorized user did not discover that the gauge was missing until later in the day. The licensee reported that the gauge had been properly locked and secured in its transportation case in the bed of the truck. The chain securing the transportation case was cut, and the case and gauge were missing. The licensee immediately informed the local police department and plans to issue a press release offering a reward for the return of the gauge.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the State at 11:00 a.m. (CST). Region IV has informed OEDO, IAT, NMSS, OSTP and Region IV's SLO and PAO.

This information has been discussed with the State and is current as of 11:00 a.m. (CST) on December 21, 2001.

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