

February 4, 2002

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-II-02-005

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

KCCS, Inc.
(An Agreement State Licensee)
Lauderdale Lakes, FL
License: 3087-1

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: STOLEN PORTABLE GAUGES

The Florida Bureau of Radiation Control (the Bureau) notified the NRC Operations Center that the licensee had reported the theft of 3 portable gauges. The gauges were stolen from a temporary work site located near Kissimmee, FL sometime between the evening of February 1 and the morning of February 3, 2002. The licensee reported that locks on a trailer and shed had been cut, and everything of value had been taken. The locks on the gauge storage cases had also been cut. Two of the portable gauges were manufactured by Campbell Pacific Nuclear, models MC-3, containing 10 millicuries (370 megabecquerels) of cesium-137 and 50 millicuries (1.85 gigabecquerels) of americium-241, serial numbers M3707771 and M34002262. The third gauge was manufactured by Troxler, model 3450, containing 9 millicuries (333 megabecquerels) of cesium-137 and 44 millicuries (1.63 gigabecquerels) of americium-241, serial number 278.

The Bureau and the City of Kissimmee Police Department have the event under investigation. The Bureau advised the licensee to issue a press release and to offer an award for the return of the gauges.

Region II received initial notification of this occurrence by telephone from the Bureau. This information has been discussed with the State and is current as of 11:30 a.m., Monday, February 4, 2002.

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