

July 18, 2002

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-02-038A

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

Spectra Tek
Albuquerque, New Mexico
License No.: TA172-21
New Mexico Agreement State Licensee

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

SUBJECT: LOST SHIPMENT OF SCANDIUM-46 - UPDATE

DESCRIPTION: On July 16, 2002, the New Mexico Radiation Licensing and Registration Program (the Program) notified the NRC Operations Center that a shipment of scandium-46 had been lost during shipment.

On July 17, 2002, the Program notified the NRC Operations Center that the missing package of scandium-46 was found on the Federal Express loading dock in LaFayette, Louisiana. The package was subsequently delivered to the Protechnics' facility located in LaFayette, Louisiana.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence by phone from the State on July 17, 2002. Region IV has informed NMSS, OEDO, OSTP, the IAT and the Region's PAO and SLO.

This information has been discussed with the State and is current as of 3:00 p.m. on July 17, 2002.

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