

September 17, 2002

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-III-02-037

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 III staff on this date.

Facility

Illinois Roof Consulting Associates, Inc.
Chicago, Illinois
License: IL-01713-01
(Agreement State licensee)

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

SUBJECT: MOISTURE GAUGE REPORTED STOLEN

DESCRIPTION:

On September 16, 2002, the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety (IDNS) notified the NRC Region III (Chicago) Office that a Troxler 3216 (Serial No. 00173) moisture gauge, containing 40 millicuries of americium-241, was stolen from a van parked in front of Leif Ericson Scholastic Academy in Chicago, Illinois. The licensee was using another moisture gauge on the school roof at the time of the theft.

The licensee reported that the stolen gauge was locked in its transport case and inside a locked company van. At 2:35 p.m. the workers discovered that a van window was broken and the gauge was stolen. An empty transport case from the gauge the workers were using and other valuables were also stolen from the van.

The licensee notified the Chicago Police Department of the theft. The NRC's Incident Assessment Team, Office of State and Tribal Programs and Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards have been notified. The NRC's Operations Center was notified of the stolen gauge. This information is current as of 12 p.m. CDT on September 17, 2002.

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