

October 24, 2002

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-02-059A

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

GEOCON Northwest Inc.
Beaverton, Oregon
License No.: ORE-90921
Oregon Agreement State Licensee

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

SUBJECT: STOLEN PORTABLE GAUGE - UPDATE

DESCRIPTION:

On October 16, 2002, the Oregon State Health Division (the Division) notified the NRC Operations Center that a portable gauge and company truck had been stolen from an employee's residence in Portland, Oregon (PNO-IV-02-059).

On October 22, 2002, the Division notified the NRC Operations Center that the stolen gauge had been recovered by the Portland police department. The portable gauge was found undisturbed in the abandoned vehicle in North Portland. The Division dispatched inspectors to the site. The gauge was determined to be in good condition and subsequently was returned to the licensee.

Region IV received notification of this occurrence from NRC's Operations Center on October 23, 2002. Region IV has informed OEDO, NMSS, OSTP and the Region's PAO and SLO.

This information has been discussed with the State and is current as of 11:00 a.m. on October 24, 2002.

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