

October 3, 1989

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-89-62

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: Grade School
Mountain Home, Idaho
(General Licensee)

Licensee Emergency Classification:
 Notification of Unusual Event
 Alert
 Site Area Emergency
 General Emergency
 Not Applicable

SUBJECT: STOLEN EXIT SIGNS

The Idaho Bureau of Hazardous Materials informed Region IV of an incident on October 2, 1989, where six exit signs (containing 21 curies of tritium each) were stolen from a grade school in Mountain Home, Idaho.

The exit signs, which are generally licensed, were new signs that were being stored at the grade school prior to installation. The authorities have been notified and interviews are being conducted in an attempt to retrieve the signs.

The Idaho Bureau of Hazardous Materials is ensuring that a press announcement is made in the local area.

The NRC offices of NMSS and SLITP have been notified.

This information is current as of 2 p.m. on October 3, 1989.

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