

October 27, 1993

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-IV-93-030A

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

Louisiana State University
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
License No: SNM-1966

Licensee Emergency Classification

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

Subject: LOST PLUTONIUM-BERYLLIUM SEALED SOURCE

This is a follow-up and close-out of PNO-IV-93-030. The licensee's representative notified NRC Region IV at 11:20 a.m., October 27, 1993, that the missing plutonium-beryllium neutron source had been located on the University of New Orleans campus. The sealed source was found to be securely stored and properly shielded. The licensee plans to transport the sealed source to the Baton Rouge facility.

This information has been confirmed with the licensee's Radiation Safety Officer and is current as of 1 p.m. (CDT) October 27, 1993.

The state of Louisiana has been informed.

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